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COLONY'S CENSUS DAY.

Some Difficulties Cleared Up.

NO "SQUEEZE" PERMITTED.

To-day is Census Day and all people who are alive at midnight should be included in the Census returns. During the last fortnight the enumerators have been going round their districts delivering forms, explaining them, and writing them up for those who are unable to do so. Reports received from the chief enumerators have in many cases been most reassuring, showing that the enumerators were doing their work quite well. Instances have arisen, however, of terrible stupidity, carelessness, and even of absence from the Colony of some enumerators, and it has been an anxious and busy time for those in charge of the office to correct these mistakes, replace absent enumerators, and generally watch their various activities. A little ambiguity still remains in some people's minds regarding the particulars to be entered up, and I should like to clear up these difficulties.

Night Duty.

A person on night duty usually has a home to go to on leaving duty. The fact that he happens to be on certain premises at the "zero hour" of 12 midnight does not make it compulsory for him to be enumerated in these premises. He returns to his home next morning and is entered up there. In the same way if you happen to be dancing at Repulse Bay Hotel that night or are spending the evening with friends, you may be absent from your house at 12 midnight; but even if you do not get back till the early hours of the morning, you still "pass the night" in your own home or at least you enter it on Sunday morning, not having been enumerated elsewhere. (See heading to Column 1 of the Form.)

Chinese Households.

Another difficulty, which, I am afraid, still persists, arises in the case of certain Chinese households. As is well-known, a wealthy gentleman may have two or many more households of which he is the head. But he cannot be in all of them at once. He is, let us say, in his chief house that night and is entered on the form for that house. Who then is head of the household in another of his houses where a concubine may live with her children? In many instances, I understand, it was desired that the gentleman's name should be entered again with the result that he would have been counted several times over according to the number of his establishments. In the second and other establishments no person should be entered as head of the household or the concubine should be entered as head as she undoubtedly is acting as such in the absence of her husband.

As usual, I have heard rumours of "squeeze" on the part of enumerators. No payment of any kind should be made to them and any requests for payment should be reported at once to the Superintendent. One man was dismissed when it was found, on a complaint being made, that he called and made a disturbance at 10 o'clock at night. But, on the whole, there have been very few complaints and the population have assisted in many ways.

New Territories.

The Census is being carried out in the New Territories and while difficulties have arisen in some places (in one the enumerators were chased out of the village) the work is progressing favourably. It has been impossible, however, to adhere fully to the New Territories to the scheme of a preliminary census followed by a short quick revision on the day after Census Night, as many of the places are so inaccessible that one visit only by launch is possible.

Floating Population.

The Census of the floating population in the Harbour, at Aberdeen, Stanley, Cheung Chau, Tai O, and elsewhere, is being carried out on two days, 2 March and 8. Each sampan as it is counted will receive a clearance label which will be fixed to the mast or other clearly visible part of the vessel. In 1921 the craft

12,000 MILES.

AIR AND OCEAN FREIGHT SERVICE.

London, January 27. Arrangements have been completed between Imperial Airways, the Cunard Steamship Company, and the White Star Line, for the institution of a new combined high-speed air and ocean freight service which is at first to extend from New York via London to India.

It is also hoped, in the near future, to arrange connections with the trans-American air-mail service, giving a 12,000 miles air-ocean-air service from San Francisco to India.

A parcel from the western seaboard of America will—on the institution of this through service—be flown 3,000 miles across the United States to New York. Here, twice a week, connections will be established with White Star and Cunard eastbound Royal Mail liners, such as the Olympic or Aquitania.

After its 3,000 miles ocean passage in one of these vessels, the parcel will be transferred to an Armstrong-Siddeley air-liner of Imperial Airways for its journey above Europe to Athens. Then, after an aerial voyage above the Mediterranean in a large 3-engine Short-Jupiter flying boat, the parcel will be transferred again to a big De Havilland-Jupiter land-plane for its final stages across the Iraq desert to Baghdad, the Persian Gulf and India. By this new super-speed air and ocean route a parcel will be conveyed from San Francisco to India in not more than 14 days, while the time of transit from New York to India will be only 11 days.

Valuable Extension.

A valuable extension of this air-ocean freight service will be inaugurated early next year when the Imperial Airways Britain-South Africa route is instituted. This will open up not only an accelerated service to South Africa but will show a very great saving in the time of transit of urgent parcels from the entire American continent, north and south, to the rapidly developing British possessions along the east coast of Africa.

The following table shows clearly the time that will be saved by this new combined service, as compared with existing surface transport by parcel post:—

Route	Air and Ocean days.	By surface transport days.
New York-Cairo	10	21/3
New York-Bagdad	11	33/42
New York-Karachi	14	28
New York-Mumbai	10	32/40
New York-Cape Town	18	23/32

It is expected that an extensive use of this new service will be made by those consigning samples, specie, jewellery, spare parts, and urgent documents of all kinds.

It is estimated that in the case of specie, or bonds, the saving of interest alone, owing to the rapidity of this mode of transit, will be more than sufficient to pay the special express charges involved.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Eric Himsforth to act as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, with effect from February 27.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Walter Morris Thomas to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from March 3, 1931.

when counted, were marked with a white cross; but this was too easily copied and those wishing to avoid the trouble of being counted had only to buy a little white paint to be exempt from troublesome enquiries. The labels now being used will not be copied so easily.

The population of Hong Kong will be relieved of all further worry in connection with the Census to-morrow. The work of the Census Office has been heavy up to date in organising for the collection of the information desired; to-morrow it begins again but in a different way to deal with the information collected.

GREAT MISCHIEF TO NATION.

Independent's View of Mr. Baldwin.

OPPONENT AND THE PRESS.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Duff Cooper said to-day:—"I am a whole-hearted supporter of Mr. Baldwin as leader of our Party, but the issue is not so much who is leader but whether the leader is to be dictated to by the Press."

Sir Ernest Petter, the Independent Conservative, who will be Mr. Duff Cooper's only opponent in St. George's by-election, states in his election address that he believes that the continuance of Mr. Baldwin as Conservative leader will be fraught with great mischief to the Party and the nation. —Reuter.

EMPIRE ROBBERY OUTLOOK.

Passfield Consults Sir Cecil Clementi.

NO GOVERNMENT INITIATION.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time, invited to investigate the rubber industry in Malaya and other British Dependencies with a view to devising a scheme for betterment, Dr. Shiels said that Lord Passfield had consulted the High Commissioner for the Malay States on the subject and regretted that the Government could not see its way to initiate a scheme, but if the producers of all the countries concerned could agree to a scheme which provided practical planning of aggregate production in correspondence with the world demand, Lord Passfield was prepared to give careful consideration to it. —Reuter.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Municipal Reformers Gain Ground.

FINAL RESULTS.

London, Yesterday. The final results of the County Council elections are as follows:—

Municipal Reformers	83
Labourites	35
Liberals	6
Municipal Reformers	77
Labourites	42
Liberals	6

Before the election the figures were:—

Municipal Reformers	77
Labourites	42
Liberals	6

—Reuter.

SUITORS' FUNDS.

NEW RULE MADE BY CHIEF JUSTICE.

The following rule has been made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor, under and in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Sutors' Funds Ordinance, 1896, Ordinance No. 5 of 1896.

Paragraph (1) of Rule 15 of the Sutors' Funds Rules, 1928, is hereby rescinded and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

"(1) Money lodged in Court after June 30, 1930, to the credit of any account, shall be credited with interest at the rate (if any) allowed for the time being for current accounts by the bank with which such money is lodged pursuant to paragraph (6) of Rule 4; provided that no interest shall be credited to money lodged in Court to the credit of any account in the following cases:—

(a) When the money is paid into Court as security for costs or by way of satisfaction or amendment or in compliance with an order giving leave to defend upon such payment; or

(b) When the amount is less than \$100."

MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

Ottawa, Yesterday. The death has occurred of the Rev. F. A. Stevens, of Macleod, Alberta, an ex-Director of the China Inland Mission. —Reuter.

LAST DAY'S RACING.

Watch The Grouse for the Main Race.

SOME SELECTIONS.

[By "Wombat"]

Everything looks bright for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's final race meeting to-day at Happy Valley. Judging by the attendance on the first four days I think we can count on a big crowd to-day for the programme is an interesting one, and fields will be of excellent strength.

The Subs Champions will be the tit bit of the meeting and all the wise folk predict a win for Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Grouse which has been very prominent throughout the meeting. Griffin non-runners and "sub" now-winners will have a chance of annexing a race to-day as there are several races for non-winners

EAST WINDS; MODERATE.

The weather report of the Royal Observatory issued at 10.30 a.m. to-day states:—

A new anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China. A depression lies over mid-Japan. The depression over N. Indo-China is filling up. Freshening monsoon along S.E. coast of China and over North China Sea. Local forecast:—E. winds; moderate; drizzle and mist.

In these two classes. Keep your eyes on the stable to-day as they are far behind their usual average at this meeting.

Selections.

- 1st Race:—
Army.
Mongolian Stag.
Cream Cracker.
- 2nd Race:—
Valorous.
Little Beaver.
Eros or Bright Star.
- 3rd Race:—
Jill.
Glencagles.
Vasylock.
- 4th Race:—
Jan Stewer.
Fi-Fa.
St. Cyr.
- 5th Race:—
Woodland Stag.
Wattle.
Kilree.
- 6th Race:—
Peter Guernsey.
Celerity.
Sultry Eve.
- 7th Race:—
Royal Flush.
Boxing Eve.
Wisdom Stag.
- 8th Race:—
Little Thunder.
O-Moon.
Crown Prince.
- 9th Race:—
The Grouse.
Miamia.
King Willow.
- 10th Race:—
San Francisco or Sergeant Murphy.
Young Pretender.
As You Like It.
- 12th Race:—
Eve Stable.
Sam Houston.
Wonderful Stag.
- 11th Race:—
Majestic Hall.
Chesapeake Bay.
Lobster Bay.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

The following names of successful tenderers are notified for general information in the Government Gazette, but once again the amounts are not divulged.

Conversion of Commercial, Mcor-Inga, Talkoo, Dockyard & Engineering Co., of Hong Kong, Ltd. Special castings for Aberdeen Lower Pumping Station—W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.

Kai Tak Air Port—Cement Concrete Foundations for Aeroplanes Hangars—Vibro-Piling Co., Ltd.

Purchase of old type Prison Department—Whampoa, Sam & Co.

To-night's performance of the Westminster Old Singers at the Star Theatre has been cancelled owing to the company being delayed by fog.

A CYCLONE IN MAURITIUS.

Heavy Loss of Sugar Crops.

DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

London, Yesterday.

The Governor of Mauritius has telegraphed to Lord Passfield that a severe cyclone occurred in Mauritius on Thursday, and it is feared, caused widespread damage to buildings and very heavy loss to the sugar crops.

He is unable yet to state whether there has been much loss of life.

Very high winds still prevail. Telephone and telegraph wires have been cut and communications by road are very difficult. —Reuter.

PRINCES IN A HEAT WAVE.

Unbearable Conditions in Buenos Aires.

SIX DEATHS REPORTED.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince George arrived in the midst of a heat wave which is responsible for six deaths in Buenos Aires during 24 hours.

The humidity makes the heat almost unbearable. —Reuter's American Service.

ARMY AND AIR ESTIMATES.

Extension of Service to India.

"UTMOST ECONOMY."

Rugby, Yesterday. The Estimates of the Army and Air Force for 1931 were published to-day. Both show important reductions under individual heads, while the Army Estimates as a whole are £570,000 less than last year. They total £39,930,000.

In the Army, the principal savings are on supplies, road transport, pay, and clothing made possible largely by the fall in prices and the cost of living.

The Air Estimates show a net total of £18,100,000 which is an increase of a quarter of a million over the previous year. The increase is stated to be due to special appropriations in aid, including necessary funds for the British entry to the Schneider Race, but the gross total for the year is substantially lower than six years ago, although the strength of the force has increased in the interval. This achievement is only possible by the exercise of the most rigid economy.

The net Estimates for Civil Aviation is £470,000. It is stated that the Government attaches great importance to the extension of the Indian service to Australia, and is ready to contribute to its cost.

The Air Minister, reviewing the policy of the Estimates, refers to Government's earnest hope that the forthcoming Disarmament Conference will bring about a general reduction in armaments—the rapid development of which the world over it views with profound disquiet—and remove the present serious disparity between the Royal Air Force and the air services of foreign Powers; the expenditure on which in recent years has shown a marked growth. —British Wireless Service.

ROYAL ASSENTS.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—

Ordinance No. 20 of 1930.—An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

Ordinance No. 21 of 1930.—An Ordinance to amend the Probates Ordinance, 1897.

Ordinance No. 23 of 1930.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Disposal of Waste.

Ordinance No. 24 of 1930.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to theatrical performances at places of public entertainment.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

PARADES.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade at Headquarters on Monday, March 9 at 5.30 p.m. for Band Practice. It is most essential that every one attends all the practice parades especially until after the G.O.C.'s inspection.

Band Rifle Club.—There will be a meeting of the Club at the Miniature Range on Wednesday, March 11 at 5.30 p.m.

Battery.

There will be a parade for the whole Battery at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. This is a practice parade for the G.O.C.'s inspection.

Engineer Company.

Monday, March 9, practice for G.O.C.'s inspection at 5.30 p.m. Dress—Muffi with rifle, belts & sidearms.

Thursday, March 12, D.L. instruction at Wellington Barracks 5.30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals.

Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 and Friday, March 12.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parades on Tuesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 12 at 5.30 p.m. at Causeway Bay Stables.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—Parade on Monday, 9th instant at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for driving instruction and crew drill.

Motor Cycle Section.—Parade on Monday, 9th instant at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for instructional driving and Map Reading and message writing practice.

Machine Gun Company. Musketry.—Next meeting of the Company Rifle Club will be on the Peak Range to-morrow for individual Spoon Shoot and Intersection Cup. Range Officer:—Lieut. J. F. Wright. Time 9 a.m.

The Company will parade on Tuesday, March 10 at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters for practice for the G.O.C.'s inspection.

Dress for Uniform Parades will be Boots, Hose-tops, Puttees, Shorts, Jackets, Helmets, Belts, Bayonets and Frogs, and Rifles with Slings.

M.G. Course Part II.—No. 1 Platoon will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday, 15th instant. Range Officer—Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes. Uniform or Muffi optional, but belts, Pouches and Bayonets must be worn. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Scottish Company. Parade.—Thursday, March 12, for Arms Drill.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E. Belts and sidearms will be worn.

Range.—Musketry Part II will be fired at Stonecutters to-morrow. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier 9.10 a.m. Range Officer—Captain H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company. The Company will parade at Headquarters on Friday, March 13 at 5.30 p.m. for practice parade for the G.O.C.'s inspection.

Dress.—Uniform or Muffi but Belts, Sidearms and Rifles will be worn and carried.

It is hoped that every one of the Company will do his utmost to attend all parades until after the G.O.C.'s inspection.

Parades—Attendances. It is noted that there has been a decided falling off in attendances at parades since the Annual Camp and the Field Day. The Commandant regrets this and hopes that as many who are able will attend the practice parades for the inspection by the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, 22nd instant.

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HOME TORIES AND INDIA.

Mr. Baldwin Replies to Charges.

A BOND OF UNION.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in a speech in Newton Abbot, said that the idea seemed to have got about that he, as Conservative leader, was committed to a policy of withdrawal from and surrender to India. As usual, there was not the least justification for any of these charges by regular enemies who never lost a chance of personally attacking him. So far from contemplating any weakening of the bonds uniting Great Britain and India, he and all loyal Conservatives wished to effect a closer union than hitherto. India not meant only extremist agitators. There were hundreds of thousands of Indian men of goodwill who wished to live in peace with us.

"Let us use every legitimate effort to co-operate with our friends and together with them build for India a system of Government suited to the future needs of the great Continent."

Meanwhile, added Mr. Baldwin, we intend fully to support the Government of India in maintaining law and order. So far from the Indian question being a source of division between Conservatives it should be a bond of union keeping us together. —Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The India settlement is the subject of only brief comment in the political weekly journals, the text of the agreement having reached London too late for detailed examination.

The spectator says that the agreement represents a practical tribute to the magnificent work of the Round Table Conference. Mr. Gandhi is at last a convert to constructive co-operation. This is a grand new fact. As for Lord Irwin we cannot express too strongly our grateful admiration of his moral courage. He has persisted in the face of much misrepresentation and disparagement, but he is being to India a harvest of peace which could not have been garnered by any other methods than his own. We think that a careful examination of the facts will convince nearly all reasonable people that the Viceroy, so far from having made a base surrender, has contrived terms that are not only honourable but businesslike."

The New Statement and the Nationalist says that there is still a long and difficult task ahead, but that does not detract from the value of this first step in which Lord Irwin and Mr. Gandhi share equally.

The provincial newspapers warmly welcome the settlement. The Yorkshire Post says: "Its terms represent complete achievement on every point which needed to be achieved. Lord Irwin concludes his Viceroyalty with outstanding success for his patient and sympathetic, yet firm diplomacy."

The Birmingham Post describes the Settlement as a notable success for common sense.—British Wireless Service.

No. 1194 L/Cpl. H. A. Barros, No. 12 Platoon as from 3.1.31.

No. 1108 Pte. H. A. Fluegetred, No. 11 Platoon as from 2.1.31.

No. 1135 Pte. N. B. Maher, No. 12 Platoon as from 31.10.30.

No. 1192 Pte. L. V. Antonio, No. 9 Platoon as from 17.12.30.

No. 1202 Pte. H. A. M. Barros, No. 11 Platoon as from 3.2.31.

Strength.

The following has been taken on Corps Strength:—

No. 1483 Gnr. H. S. Dinsdale, Battery, 5.3.31.

Leave.

No. 958 Pte. A. A. dos Remedios, No. 11 Platoon, granted 2 months leave from 27.2.31 to 27.4.31.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. COATES, Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

Presentation of Troop Ponies. The Commandant wishes to thank very much indeed the following Gentlemen who have presented ponies to the Machine Gun Troop:—

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GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the **KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION** will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on **MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1931, at 6 p.m.**

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report & Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930.
Election of Officers & Committee.
Any other business.
All members are requested to endeavour to attend, and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon are invited.

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 4, 1931.

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Hong Kong, March 5, 1931.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES



PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rental	Usual Price
1	100	Mount Cameron	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	1.00	100	100



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rental	Usual Price
1	100	Shamsuipo	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	1.00	100	100



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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rental	Usual Price
1	100	Wong Nei Chung	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	1.00	100	100

GENERAL NOTICES

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1930, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 1/1% is payable on and after the 2nd MARCH, 1931, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1931.



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (Ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1931.

THE TIFFIN INTERVAL on the Last Four Days will be taken after the Fifth Race on Each Day.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 25, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OWNERS are reminded that Entries for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1931 (weather permitting) will close on MONDAY, 9th March, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931, both days inclusive.
Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.
By Order of the Board,
W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

COMPANY MEETINGS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, to THURSDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on THURSDAY, the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st April, 1931, until THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1931, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
F. C. HARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER OF SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March, 1931.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

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AFTERNOON FROCKS.

The skirts of afternoon frocks have lengthened, and lengthened to advantage, but they do not sweep the streets, as carpets by trailing on the ground—at least, not the smartest of them. They stop at a sensible length that is far more elegant than that of the ultra-short skirts of yesterday, which, when one sat down, showed several inches above the knees. It is fortunate that the very uneven afternoon hemline did come under the axe to be straightened out and settled at the new length. So many women adapted it indiscriminately, accepting anything descending into a dip, that it very soon became ugly. Readers were warned at the time of the tendency of an uneven hem to look bedraggled and untidy under full length, straight hemmed coats, but coat lengths have been adjusted since then, and give a more graceful line to the longer afternoon and evening modes, by being made appreciably shorter.



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1931 COLOURS.

According to a Paris forecast of fashion, colour is coming back into the mode for evening. Jade green, shell pink, and other shades of pink and rose, blue in various tones, and off shades of white are taking the place of black and white, seen so frequently heretofore.

The combination of two colours in day-time costume is a new feature of the Paris mode. Brown and beige, brown and green, dark blue and grey, brown and charcoal, black and green, black and red, dark brown combined with brick red and dark blue and white are some of the new colour combinations. They are taking the place of the ever-present black.

SHOULDER BROOCH.

Shoulder brooches are replacing posies of flowers, and famous jewellers are exerting themselves to provide new and original designs for these ornaments.

One brooch of this kind, some two inches long, shows a couple dancing. The man in dress clothes and the woman in a diamond dress are perfectly modelled. Flash-coloured enamel is used for the hands; for the lady's hair amber is used, and for her partner's onyx. The smallest details, even to eyebrows and eyelashes, are perfectly executed, but the fashion, is likely to prove too expensive for any but the very rich woman.

FOR SLIM FIGURES.

For slim figures, tight-fitting sectional tuck-in blouses are very smart. They should be in two different tones and colours and tucked fronts and narrow ribbon trimming around the neck, tied in a long bow in front. With the return of blouses, whatever shape they may take, we are again confronted with the difficulty of tidy waists. Quite a good idea is to have a narrow band of the same material as the blouse fixed on to the blouse all the way round at the waist with small clips which fasten into the inside of the waist on the skirt. This keeps the waist very neat. Those who are not as slim as they would like to be complain that the tuck-in blouse is far more trying to their figures than the jumper effect. They are right to a certain extent, but after all, there are many little dodges that help the plump figure. First, avoid the even waistline, get your blouses made so that they go up in the middle in front and behind and droop well down on to your hips on either side. This does away with that hard line around the waist, and is very slimming. They must be cut that way, however, if you just pouch them out they will not lie flat and even, and will look grotesque. Another point to consider is colour. Do not have a white or very light-coloured blouse and a dark skirt but have your blouse the same shade or just a tone lighter than your skirt. Shaded blouses are becoming to robust figures. You can have them toned in with your skirt from the waist to half-way up your chest. It is even more becoming, though, to have vertical shadings, light in the centre back and front and gradually darkening to the sides and sleeves or vice versa.

A SCENT SACHET.

The task of sachet-making is easy and fragrant. You will need cotton wool, a jar of sachet powder in your own particular perfume, and scraps of any delicate material—crepe de Chine, voile, georgette—that you may have by you. Pastel shades, of course, will look prettiest in your lingerie drawer. Make a little bag of the material, leaving one side open, and cut two slightly smaller squares from a thin piece of cotton wool. Spread the sachet powder between the squares, like jam in a sandwich, slip the whole thing into its bag and stitch down the fourth side. Decorate one corner, if you like, with a ribbon bow, a touch of embroidery, or a little spray of silk flowers. Home-made sachets lend your clothes a charming fragrance, fresh, sweet, and clinging all at the same time.



Here are the choicest fashions of the season, embodying all the style features of expensive creations in Canton crepe, wool crepe, satin and prints, with pleats, flares, bows and chic sleeves.

SPRING DRESSES

NEW COSTUME FABRICS.

Silk-georgette is a material that will have to be reckoned with in the near future. It makes up charmingly into both costumes and frocks and seems to be at its best in soft shades of blue and grey.



Kosha, an attractive mixture of silk and wool, is another fabric, that though extraordinarily light in weight, tailors most excellently, and it would also be hard to beat some of the French flannels, newcomers this season, that have a silky stripe running through them.

When the cold winds blow in hot climates the question of a light warm coat becomes all-important.

On the Riviera they are solving it with short belted coats of white lambs' wool, which certainly look very charming, and are not quite as warm as they sound.

CARE OF SILVER.

Clean, shining silver, whether the supply be limited to requisite articles for table use, or comprise pieces of plate either ornamental or useful, or both, should be the housewife's pride. Plenty of warm, soapy water, to which a little ammonia has been added, should be used to keep it in good order. For the removal of tarnish or stains, finely powdered whiting dissolved in water may be used with safety. When the silver is clean and thoroughly dry a final polish can best be given with a clean soft chamois leather kept for the purpose.

Silver inkstands or any other silver articles that may be stained with work will require a little more drastic treatment to remove the marks. Chloride of lime mixed to a paste with a little water will remove ink marks if allowed to dry on a silver surface, and then vigorously rubbed with a soft cloth.

Silver that is to be stored should be wrapped in tissue paper (each piece separately) and packed into a box or tin case lined with green baize.

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BRITTLE NAILS.

Brittle nails indicate excess of uric acid in the blood, and the condition cannot be cured until the cause is remedied. To drink two quarts of water every day, with pure fresh lemon juice added to



each half pint, will prove beneficial. Take the first half pint on getting up in the morning, and the last just before going to bed. No sugar should be added with the lemon juice.

Nails that are brittle and inclined to split should never be trimmed without being first soaked in soapy warm water, and then it is better to file rather than cut them. Every night and morning they should be well smeared with a mixture of

equal parts of vaseline and olive oil. This should be rubbed into the nails and wiped off with a chamois leather.

When the nails incline to be brittle, contact of the hands with extreme heat should be avoided. A pair of chamois leather gloves should be slipped on when ironing.

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HAIR SHORT OR LONG.

Paris says hair must be short or long. Just as the dressmakers are busy evolving new fashions for the coming season, so are the hairdressers evolving new coiffures. The new coiffure will be distinguished by its smooth, glossy neatness, even when expressed in curls and waves. The untidy, half-long hair, falling in curls almost to the shoulders has been definitely buried. "One well-known costumier," says an overseas paper, "forbade his mannequins to adopt the half-long hair fashions, making a rule that hair must be short or long, nothing between the two, and all Paris is now following this rule." The new shingle defines the shape of the head exactly. The top of the hair is left perfectly smooth but sometimes there is a wave just above the nape of the neck; at other times one part of the wave is allowed to sweep the forehead, but even the waves are perfectly smooth and sleek. The French hairdressers have given up waving with irons almost altogether and water-waving is the rule. Most of feminine Paris has its hair permanently waved, and for them the usual periodical water-waving and setting is easy, but Paris water wavers have now become such experts in their art that they are able to wave perfectly straight hair by this method with success. Long hair is dressed to follow the shape of the head, and must be as smooth and sleek as short hair. Sometimes it is gathered in a tight little coil at the nape of the neck; at other times, if it is very long, it is twisted into a tight figure 8. In one new coiffure, which is meant for rather thick hair which reaches nearly to the shoulders, the hair is divided in two and part of it arranged in a deep coil on the top of the head, the other part being arranged in a matching coil at the nape of the neck. Very pretty and alluring is the new type of coiffure which has superseded the ear-phone style. With this, the hair is arranged over each ear in bunches of tightly made, compact, flat little curls.

ANKLE LENGTH BARGAINS.

The more experienced town sale shopper can find a host of such articles as evening shoes, scarves, and fine lingerie to assist in her more fashionable requirements. The two-coloured shoes, or those of contrasting fabric that will be smart for another four or five months, are remarkably good value at the winter sales, and more fanciful footwear can in these times be easily worn with tea-gowns and pyjamas.

Of fantastic hosiery, beware, and also of eccentric gloves! Scarves will be a feature in the new collections, so buy what is pretty.

The ankle-length skirt—especially when of uneven hem-line—is a distinct help to the sale shopper, because tall women will be well able to wear well the discarded ultra long skirt, and, in all cases, it is easier to shorten than to lengthen. Another gaining fashion is the Empire waist—which suggests a further scheme of shortening a model!

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Exposure to Summer sunshine invariably means a crop of freckles and sunburn for the sensitive skin. Precautionary treatment is worth while. Bathing the face daily with elderflower water is very beneficial to a fine, delicate skin and helps to prevent sunburn. After sponging the face with the elderflower water, which should be allowed to dry on it, smear a little pure olive oil all over the face and throat. Leave this on for a couple of minutes, then wipe off with a piece of medicated cotton wool. This removes all superfluous oil, but sufficient is left to form a foundation for powder and a thin film which prevents the skin from burning or freckling. The face will not appear shiny, or greasy-looking as the pores of the skin will absorb any of the oil remaining.

Water should never be applied to badly sunburned skin. Cleanse it with cream, then sponge with a little warm milk diluted with half its quantity of water. Oatmeal gruel is also very soothing and is beneficial to the skin, but oatmeal, mixed to a paste with water is too drying for cleansing the skin at the seaside or anywhere the wind is hot and dry.

JUST LIKE HAIR.

The newest berets are made of a brushed wool material, so that when the head is covered the wearer, at first sight, looks as if she were indulging a passion for fresh air. The effect is that of an attractive shingle, but none of the wearer's own hair is visible.





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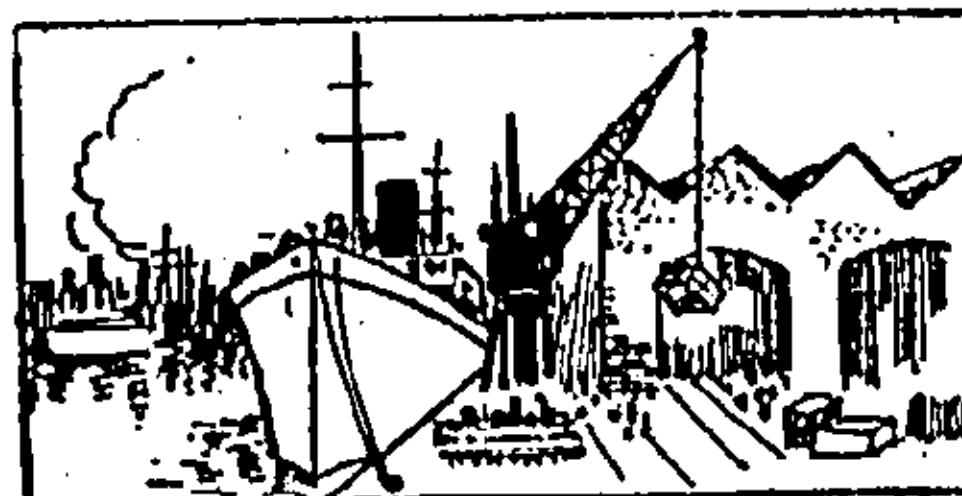
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In covering this large amount, the fact that the C.P.R. fleet is a much sought after risk must have been of considerable help. The contract to which the risk on the Empress of Britain has been added had, in fact, been overdone, although the "top value" of the fleet was \$1,000,000. Had the risks on the ship gone forward in the ordinary way, the lines written by underwriters on the "top value" would have been reduced, and their lines on the other vessels would also have been reduced proportionately. In adding the Empress of Britain to the fleet, it is understood that the brokers informed the underwriters that their lines would go forward in full on the new vessel, which became the "top value," and that their lines on the other vessels would be pro rata of the insured value of \$1,500,000. This still left a certain amount to be placed before the whole of the risk had been covered, but it is understood that this has been done, and that the balance of the total amount insured has been covered against the risk of Total Loss Only.

Need For Special Treatment.

This, of course, is a departure from the market custom by which T.L.O. insurances are limited to 10 per cent. on disbursements and to whatever further amounts on freight premiums, and similar interests may be actually at risk, but it is believed that this has been done entirely to facilitate the completion of the risk and in recognition of the fact that insurances involving very large amounts require special treatment. It is said to be the outcome of a theory evolved by a leading underwriter, who, in connection with discussions over the placing of big insurances in general, suggested that underwriters might be able to accept much larger total loss liabilities for other risks less in proportion than is customary. It would seem that this theory is now being proved in practice, because while the market has assimilated a very large amount on the new vessel, there is, as yet, no suggestion that it is in any way overfull, and so far as can be observed, there is no flood of reinsurance, the normal effect of which would be to send the T.L.O. rate up sky-high.

In fact, one cannot help contrasting the situation with that which existed when first the N.D.L. liner Bremen came into the market, when, it will be remembered, she was insured on a value of about \$2,500,000, and orders for T.L.O. insurances were so heavy that more than double the rate on the original full policy was paid for reinsurance against Total Loss Only. Of course, one effect of those high rates was that when the risk came up for renewal the insured value was reduced to \$1,800,000, which, with normal T.L.O. insurances, is about as high a value as could then be placed in the world market. It is significant that, so far as is known, the insurances on the Empress of Britain have, so far, been placed only in the British market, so that there remains the foreign market to be used for reinsurance purposes, although, of course, in the existing circumstances the risk is restricted both by the caution with which foreign underwriters are accepting re-insurances from abroad and the care with which British underwriters are selecting the security of foreign reinsurers.

It is, therefore, an undoubted triumph for the brokers who have handled the risk for the British marine insurance market, and for the owners, that the insurance on

the Empress of Britain has been negotiated so successfully and without any hint of panic reinsurance operations. This triumph is, indeed, a vindication of those who are opposed to Government interference in the covering of important risks, and who hold that the market can manage its own affairs very well, provided that it is not subjected to any sort of coercion in the matter of rates and conditions.—Journal of Commerce & Shipping.

SHIPS AND RAILS.

POLICY OF CO-OPERATION ADVOCATED.

"There is clearly no competition between overseas transport and internal transport, but there is necessarily co-operation between various transport agencies concerned in the handling of practically every ton of the country's imports and exports," said Mr. H. M. Clemenson, general manager of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, in the course of a paper on the subject of "Shipping in its relation to road, rail, and air in co-operation and competition," read before the Institute of Transport.

"The public interest," he went on, "is undoubtedly to obtain the most fully developed and best spread system of transport of the highest possible efficiency at the lowest possible cost, and while an individual trader must be expected to avail himself to the full of shipping or railway rates which do not make their fair contribution to the total cost, yet such rates are not in accordance with the general interest. The problem, therefore, is how to get the fullest advantage with the fewest disadvantages from a competitive system, and undoubtedly the closest possible personal contact between those concerned is desirable to promote that end."

"Full advantage can be taken of competition only if it is prosecuted in a spirit of friendly co-operation," concludes Mr. Clemenson. "If this Institute will steadily pursue the policy of promoting co-operation laid down in its constitution, and so admirably stressed by Sir Josiah Stamp in his presidential address in 1929, it will deserve well of our own generation and future generations."

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, March 5.	
Cederic, Norwegian str., 3,061 tons, Capt. O. Stokke, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B28.—Doddwell & Co.	
Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 10,413 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Katsuragisan Maru, Japanese str., 1,426 tons, Capt. A. Tanaka, from Milke, Yawmami Anchorage.—M.B.K.	
Teian, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Amoy, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.	
Toucoing, Norwegian m.s., 5,843 tons, Capt. Roed Giersten, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co., Ltd.	
Friday, March 6.	
Cheklang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. J. Melev, from Wei-hai-wai, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.	
Kwal Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.	
Kwelyang, British str., 1,598 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Holbow, buoy No. B16.—B. & S.	
Mau Sang, British str., 2,063 tons, Capt. G. F. Matthews, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.	
Sealashell, British str., 2,092 tons, Capt. T. Evans, from Take-toyo, Kowloon, Bay.—A.P.C.	
Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalle, from Saigon, buoy No. C4.—Wo Fat-Sing.	
Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.	
Sumatra Maru, Japanese str., 4,272 tons, Capt. G. Shimura, from Sakito, buoy No. A4.—O.S.K.	

WASHED OVERBOARD.

A fishing junk was found abandoned off Lim Islands on Thursday. From a Police report it appears that the junk was sailing with one man at the tiller whilst five others were asleep. A sudden squall, due to the heavy seas, washed the five overboard and they were drowned. The steersman managed to hang on, and was saved.

EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 28, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—
Plague.
Bagdad: 1 case.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Bangkok: 3 cases, 4 deaths.
Phnom-Penh: 2 deaths.
Cholera.
Madras: 14 deaths.
Negapatam: 2 deaths.
Chittagong: 6 cases, 4 deaths.
Pondicherry: 31 cases, 6 deaths.
Saigon: 2 cases, 1 death.
Shanghai: 4 deaths.
Greater Shanghai: 2 cases.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—In dock.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Cumberland—West wall.
Cicala—East wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—South wall.
Kent—No. 6 buoy.
Marazion—No. 7 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Serapis—No. 11 buoy.
Sirdar—East wall.
Sterling—East wall.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—North arm.
Thracian—No. 12 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argas—French gunboat.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Gold Star—American gunboat.
Altair—French gunboat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Gange are reminded to take the delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 10. Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Denavon are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 12.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Mirzapore left Singapore for this port on February 28 at noon, and is due here on March 7 at about 8 a.m.

DRIVER ASLEEP?

MOTOR CAR RUNS OVER A BANKING.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Chaplain of the Mission to Seamen, has reported to the Police that whilst riding with a party in a public motor car on Thursday along the Castle Peak Road, the driver apparently fell asleep, as a result of which the car ran over a banking, landed in the padi fields, and struck a tree.

Nobody was injured. The driver, in his report to the Castle Peak Police Station, stated that he averted to avoid a cow, and this caused the accident. The bumper of the car was damaged.

PRISONER'S TOOTHACHE.

An enquiry concerning the death of Yung Chun, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol since November, 1924, was conducted by Mr. E. H. Williams (as Coroner) in the Central Second Police Court this morning, with a jury.

Dr. A. J. V. Griffiths said that prisoner complained of a toothache last April, and he had a tooth extracted then. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from Natural Causes."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Apr. 4
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 29	May 31	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 9	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 21	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12

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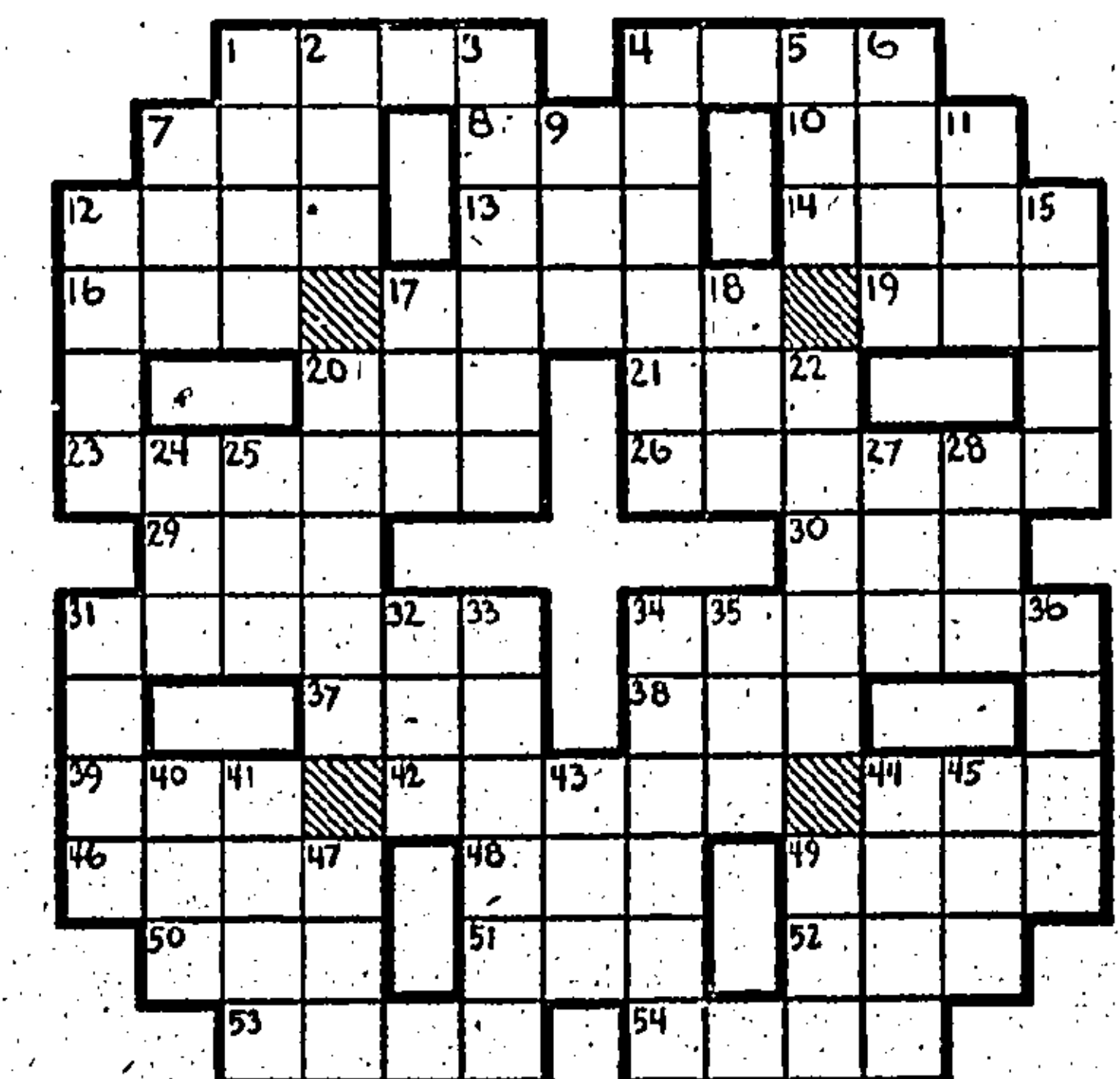
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1—Ennare	42—Tormet	15—Ireland (Poet.)
4—Part of a sailing vessel	44—Turkish name	17—Lock
7—Enemy	45—Sediment	18—A Confederate general
8—Permit	46—Skill	20—At that place
10—Atom bearing an electric charge	48—Broad smile	22—Flavor
12—Transported	51—Wither	24—Anger
13—A constellation	52—Assail	25—Part of foot
14—Single	53—Flaps	27—Root
16—Pronoun	54—Feminine name	28—Raw metal
17—A slow person		31—To benefit (Poet.)
19—The (German)		32—Consume
20—Golf term		33—Fears
21—A lace fabric		34—More rapid
22—Each of two		35—Before
23—Flavor		36—Demolish
24—Fish eggs		40—Name of several popes
30—A title		41—Made a loan
31—Turned to another course		43—W. State of U. S.
34—Shade		44—Labor
37—Part of the head		46—Melody
38—Exit		47—Cover
39—Slit		48—Ocean
		49—Vapor

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	24th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*MIRZAPUR	6,715	1st Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KOMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	8,986	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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*KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

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*MIRZAPUR	6,715	1931. 9th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
SANTHA	7,754	10th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,090	24th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELORE	8,953	31st Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
BIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th instant at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st March, or they will not be recognized.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

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7-11.30 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7-7.50 p.m.—Orchestral.

The Jesters—Overture (Ganne).

Chimes of Normandy—Overture (Planquette).

Continental Symphony Orch. (50003).

An American in Paris (Gershwin).

Victor Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin (35963 and 35964).

Dreams (Wagner arr. Thomas).

Chicago Symphony Orchestra (7123).

Flying Dutchman—Overture (Wagner).

Willem Mengelberg (6547).

Country Dances (German).

St. Louis Symphony Orch. (6009).

7.50-8.13 p.m.—Musical Comedy and Talkie Tunes.

Gems from Sunny Side Up.

Victor Light Opera Co. (36008).

Selections from The Girl Friend.

Savoy Orpheans (1409).

Gems from Hit the Deck.

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8.13-9 p.m.—Chamber Music.

Pianoforte Solo—A Flat (Schubert).

Impromptu in A Major (Chopin).

Etude in E Major (Chopin).

Ignace Jan Paderewski (6828).

Violin Solo—

Sonata in G Major (Beethoven).

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Cello Solo—

Vito (Poppo).

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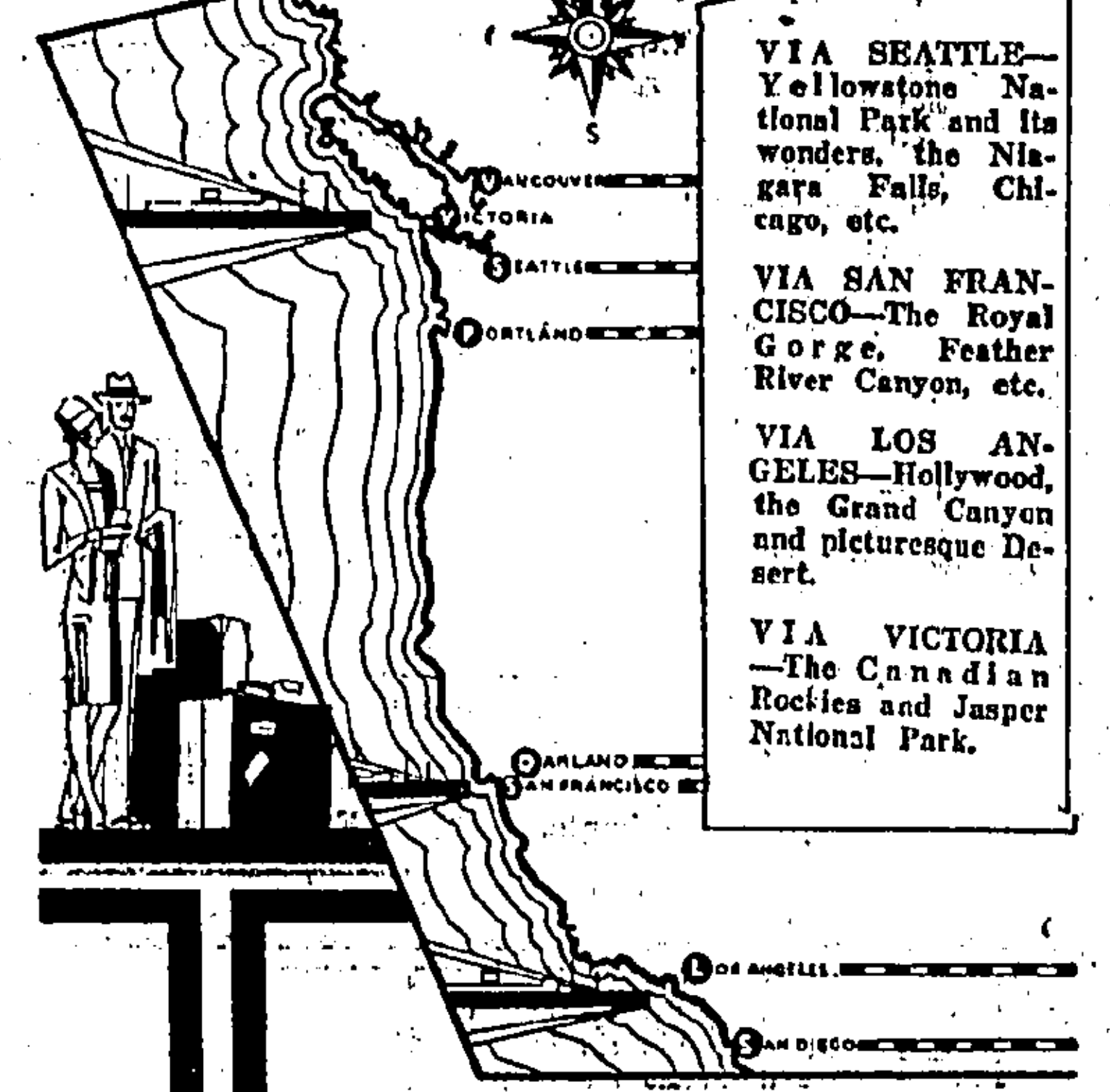
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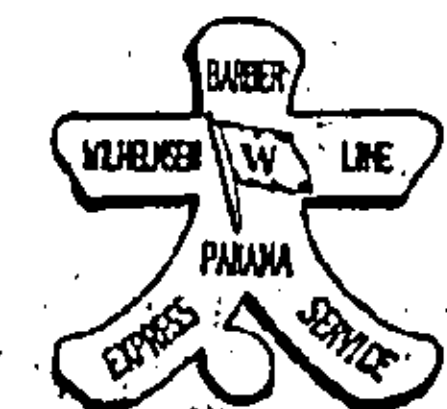
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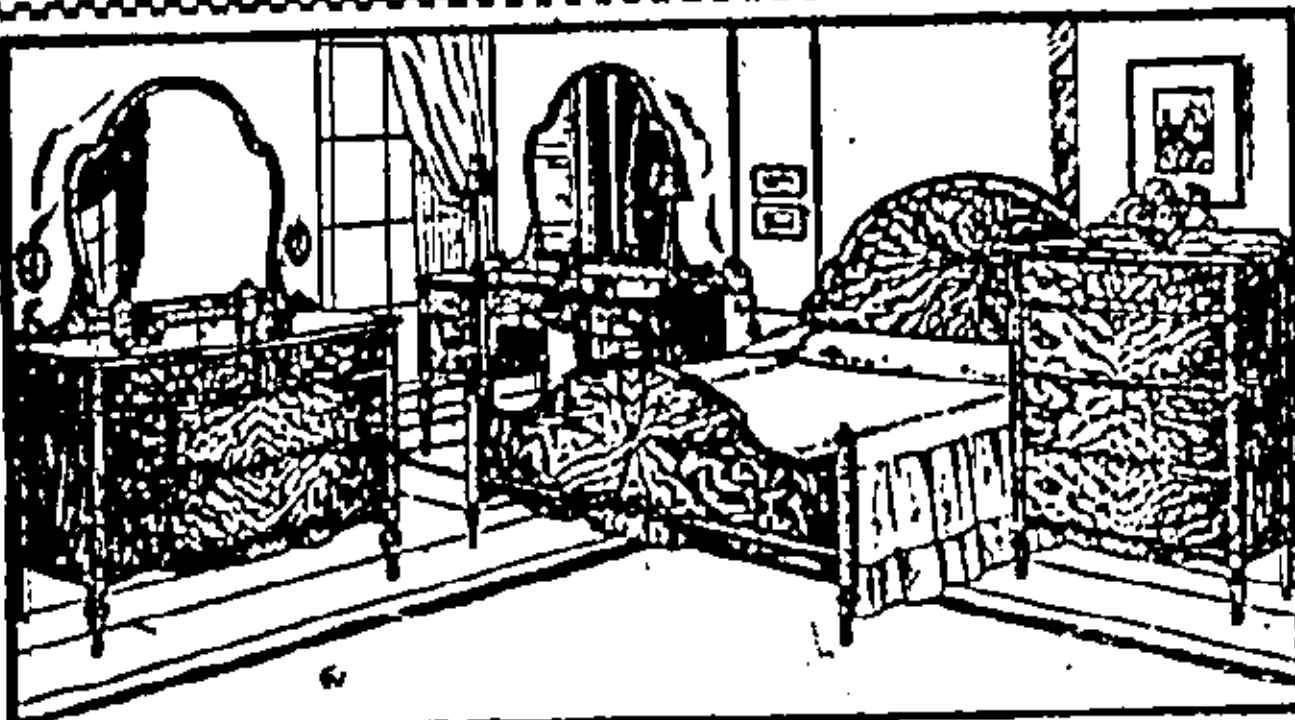


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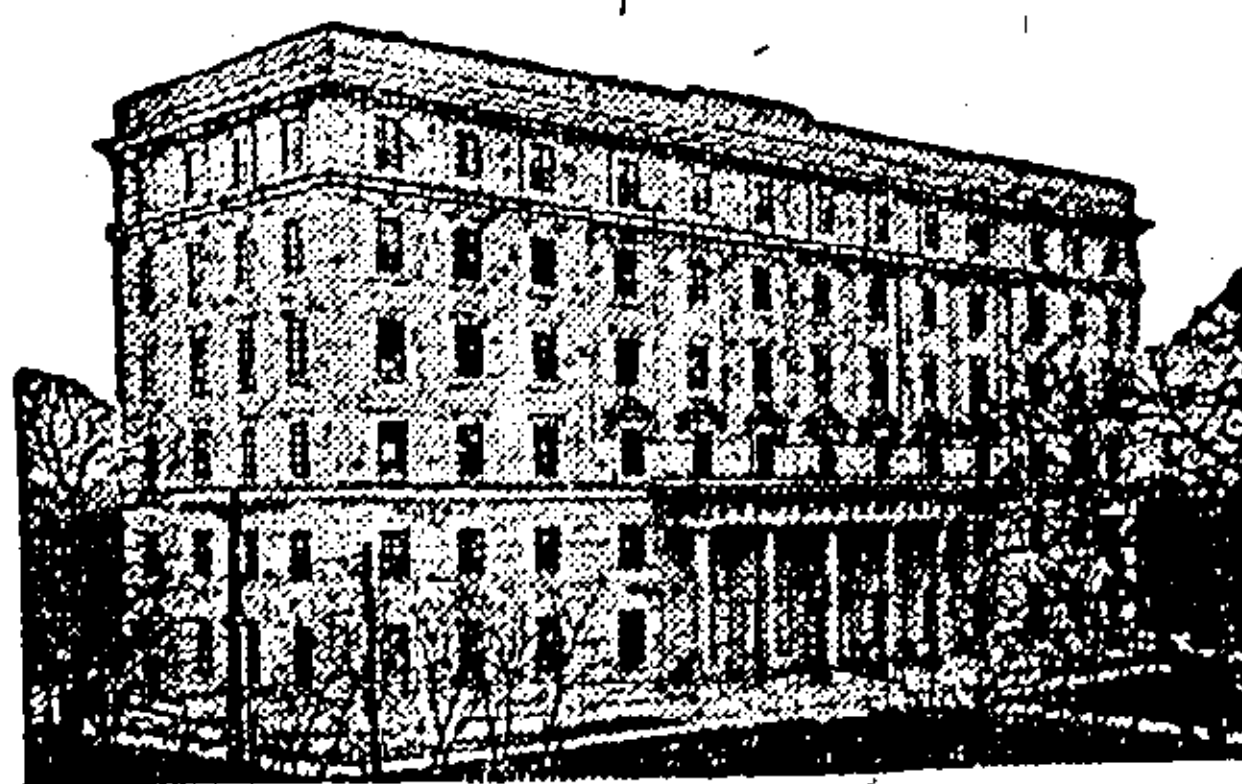
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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

We Discover he came... having a Writer. come, he was... and so on, in the inimitable manner of Miss Gertrude Stein, who gets paid for writing that kind of tripe; whereas, if I wrote like that for the paper the Editor would throw a brick at me. (Excuse me for one moment, while I put this preamble on the shelf. Thank you!) Now, where was I? Ah, he had come. I remember. Yes, and to look at him on the surface you would think him an ordinary man; one who

Guzzled his soup
And bit his nails.
Such pleasure that,
When his moustaches droop
Into the bowl of snails...
He hears the Heaven's rat
Nibbling the pods' tails...
He was an ordinary man and he wasn't; see what I mean? You would pass him by in the street, but you would remember him once you met him. Over a bowl of Si-fush-ho he told me all about it... the tears... the hunger... the hur-liations. And at last he had written it. Yes; he produced a dirty manuscript, plastered with egg stains and coffee, and this he claimed to be an authentic translation of the play by Hop Ah-long, the Chinese Wilde who was shot in Honan recently for an interest in assassination that was active as well as academic. My friend, who returned to his home in Wagga recently, there to help Mr. Scullin mail the political destinies of Australia, informs me that the translation is perfectly free. Following in the steps of Professor Giles, he has accepted the Stamburne interpretation of the character "Ping" as "Pong," but in the case of "Wu," he has usurped this character as "Ho," meaning good. The play, which should be acted to the accompaniment of muted strings and dulcimers, is influenced without doubt by Wilde's "Salome" and for that reason I have taken the liberty of calling

Ngan: Father, he said I was old-fashioned. Was I not educated at the College of Hong Kong? If you cut off his head I will dance for you.

Li: Such things, my daughter! But I seem to have heard those words before. (Beckons to a servant.)

Servant: Master?

Li: This is a rogue; he will not leave us.

Servant: It is perfectly clear. (Draws his sword and cuts off Loo's head at one blow.)

Li: Ah! there goes the prater of parables.

Ngan: But listen to the music. His eyes are singing. His head is rolling towards the river. Soon it will reach the sea and the fishes will dance.

Li: And now you must dance, my daughter.

Ngan: Pooh! I am too tired.

Li: (petulantly) You promised you would. You are a deceitful little hussy. I believe you liked that man!

Ngan: He said my eyes had a song which filled him with hunger. It is possible to love a man like that. It was cruel of you to cut off his head.

Li: (in disgust) Well I never!

Servant: If I may be allowed to say so, Tut, Tut!

Li: Which merely means, base one, "Can one ever understand a woman?" (They go indoors to supper.)

News in Brief.

H.M.S. Kent leaves for Home at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Revised parcel post rates appear in the Government Gazette.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 60 degrees. The humidity was 95 at 10 a.m. and 90 at 4 p.m.

The name of Mrs. Edith Mary Harmon, Luna Building, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, has been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

The Right Hon. Sir Charles Eliot, G.C.M.G., P.C., C.B., M.A., D. Litt, formerly British Ambassador to Japan (1919-1926) is passing through Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. liner Hakone Maru, on his way Home.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, it was decided to refuse an application for the installation of two native type water closets at 64, Bonham Strand West, on the ground that it would be contravention of the law to accede.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hamilton recorded further evidence in the case in which Martin Correa (26) a Filipino student, is charged with the murder of John Harrison, a plumber on the Empress of Russia. In the course of evidence, alleged admissions of prisoner's guilt were made. His Worship adjourned the hearing to Monday morning.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"ROUGH ROMANCE" DRAMA OF OUTDOORS.

FIRST SCREENING TO-MORROW

A new kind of "party" comes to the screen in "Rough Romance," Fox Movietone all talking drama of the great outdoors.

The films which have depicted "wild" parties, tea parties, block parties, yachting parties—in fact, almost every conceivable form of party—had never, heretofore, presented what is undoubtedly one of the roughest, most hilarious forms of "party"—a logging town "jamboree."

The "jamboree," according to those fortunate enough to witness its filming, is a sort of cross between a crowd of cowboys whooping it up in Red Gulch and the battle of the Marne.

"Rough Romance," which was directed by A. F. Erickson, features George O'Brien, Helen Chandler, Antonio Moreno and Noel Francis.

DANCE DISPLAY.

MISS CAPELL'S PUPILS' FINAL PERFORMANCE.

At last night's performance by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils in the Theatre Royal, all the numbers were well received. If some of the babies lacked the finish of the more advanced pupils, they made up in enthusiasm, especially in the Clown number.

It would be idle to try to mention any special item, as the whole programme was carried through with great success, as testified by the unending applause from the audience. Many baskets of flowers and other gifts were showered upon the pupils during the performance.

Owing to an oversight, the names of Miss E. Savard Remedios (pianist) and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell were omitted from the programme in the list of helpers. Miss Capell desires to thank these

COLLEGE LIFE IN JAPAN.

Young and Ambitious Students. SOCIAL CLUBS.

The college life of the students of the Tokyo Imperial University begins at the time when the beautiful cherry blossoms bloom fragrantly on the Yai Hill on the campus in April. The figures of the happy, joyous, youthful, energetic freshmen, wearing the square caps and donning the uniform of bronze buttons, with their eyes burning with the enthusiasm for academic life, appear in the university in a great number. They are all young and ambitious chaps with their ages not more than twenty years in general. After listening to the speeches delivered by the president of the University and the dean for students on the traditions of the institution or the freedom of study at the solemnly held convocation, the new students have become full-fledged college men. It will not be very long before they begin to talk on the question in connection with the attitudes and scholarship of their professors and predecessors.

The students of science and engineering will be led to the laboratories, machine-shops, or the power houses, while those of law and literature introduced to their professors who have been occupying various rooms of research works surrounded by numerous books, magazines and scholarly papers. The medical students go out for purchasing the stethoscopes and other necessary equipments for their study, and agricultural students visit different stables and cow-houses to get the first view of the horses and cows.

Eight College Clubs.

Eight colleges of the Tokyo Imperial University have their own clubs, such as the Midori-kai for the Law College, Teisumon Club for the Medical College, and other clubs with different names attached to the rest of the colleges, all of which hold welcome reception for the new comers at the beginning of the academic year. They hold excursions and picnics later with the purpose of getting acquainted with each other among the members of their own clubs. The welcome receptions have usually been carried out by the clubs with pep and enthusiasm, especially the Teisumon Club presents every year most interesting pageants and programmes of comical entertainments. There are twenty-one student organizations, besides the clubs of different colleges, to which any student can become a member, which are as follows:

The Central Club, Rowing Club, Track and Field Club, Fencing Club, Ju-Jitsu Club, Archers' Club, Tennis Club, Swimmers' Club, Skillet and Mountain Climbers' Club, Baseball Club, Rugby Football Club, Association Football Club, Riders' Club, Rifle Club, Skating Club, Oratorical and Debating Club, Literary and Arts Club, Music Club, Journalists' Club, Mutual Aid Society and the Hockey Club.

Mutual Aid Society.

All of these are the social and athletic clubs of the students who organized themselves for their tastes and hobbies, which are placed under the direction and supervision of the presidents of the respective organizations. The Mutual Society, organized in the year 1923, right after the great earthquake disaster, with the purpose of relieving those suffering students from the lack of necessary funds, has been carrying out the work of giving and finding them petty jobs. Introducing rooming houses, extending every possible helping hand to them, its running expenses being paid out of the profits made by the Students' Dining Hall of the University. Moreover, there are many scholastic societies made up by the men who study the current ideas and ideals, social and political problems, arts and literature, the scientific research works and investigations. Various religious organizations composed of the students having different creeds and faiths have existed on the University campus. Such clubs where their members study Esperanto, Japanese poems, dramas, and other line of literature and arts are organized by the students of literary and artistic inclinations. The clubs aiming to make a deep study of the social question or the current opinions in Japan and abroad are very popular among the student body of the University and whose meetings are attended by large numbers.

Get-Together Meeting.

The Get-Together meeting of the whole university students which

two ladies for their services. Before the show began, and during the interval, orchestral selections were supplied by the Anderson Music Company. By means of a Philips 50 Watt gramophone amplifier.

has been customarily held for two successive days in early May is the time-honoured social function of the Tokyo Imperial University. On the first day of the meeting, which is open to the general public, it shows every aspiration and secret of the different colleges in the University campus. The Medical students usually exhibit dreadful materials taken out from the anatomical rooms the Law students show the insideness in the morgues and court-rooms, while engineers expose mysteries of machine-shops. On its second day the members of the faculty of the University and men and women connected with the institution are invited to enjoy a day of the academic family association.

Following the Get-Together meeting there comes the season of the athletic sports. The boat race between the crews of the Tokyo Imperial University and the Koto Imperial University, popularly regarded as the intercollegiate boat race between Oxford and Cambridge in Japan, is held at Sumida River in Tokyo or at the Biwa Lake near Kyoto in turn. Then there comes the baseball league wars between the six conference universities in Tokyo. No matter on whose ground the ball game is staged, all the seats are usually taken long before the play starts.

When the Summer vacation is started, the skis and the mountain climbers commence the preparations for their activities. The Tokyo University, which has its varsity Summer camp at the foot of the beautiful Fuji, gives every facility to the college mountaineers.

Swimmers' Club.

The Swimmers' Club has its swimming station at the Suruga Bay, which is only about five hours by rail from Tokyo, while the Oratorical and Debating Club gives lectures and speeches at the different places throughout the Empire during the Summer vacation.

The Summer vacation for a period of two months in Japan's colleges and universities are regarded by the students as the happiest and jolliest days in their lives. The men who drilled themselves under the heated sun return to the university in early September to resume their academic life again.

At this time the annual fall games of the baseball League will be started by the conference of six universities while the intercollegiate regatta by the ten universities will be staged on the Sumida River. It should be noted that it is athletic week for the Baseball, Tennis, Archery, Riding Clubs of both Tokyo and Kyoto Universities. All the intercollegiate games will be fought at this time between the two great institutions of learning in Japan. Competing with the athletic activities of the students, members of the Oratorical and Debating Club of the university hold their meetings during the first week in September, which brings the whole activities of the student-body of the Tokyo Imperial University to their climax. The footballers, skaters, skis and mountain climbers stage their activities during the Winter season.

Poetical Romance.

The streets in Hongo-ward Tokyo are full of book stores and restaurants which, centering around the Tokyo Imperial University, have been producing the specific atmosphere of student's quarters, filled with the youthful dreams and poetical romance, nonchalantly removed from the worries and anxieties in the actual world of humanity. The brilliant evening and night, during the course of which students danced themselves in endless turn, will be the immortal golden haze that decorates their college life. The Tokyo Imperial University men in their black uniforms are to be seen in the Ginza Street, in the hall of Kabuki Theatre, on the benches in the Japanese metropolis, showing its human side of society.

LIQUOR & TOBACCO DUTIES.

In accordance with the resolutions passed by the Legislative Council on February 26, 1931, the Colonial Treasurer gives notice that the figure representing the average opening selling rates for the month of February, 1931, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London is settled at 11.04.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 7, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 2/5 %.

At the V.R.C. on Monday night the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn was presented with a silver rose bowl mounted on a blackwood stand, to mark his recent wedding. The gift was made on behalf of the Committee of the Club by Mr. W. Logan, who referred to the deep interest Mr. Severn had always shown in the V.R.C.

TERRIBLE PICTURE OF SLAVERY.

Conditions in the Black Republic.

BRUTAL EXPLOITATION.

A terrible picture of the slavery and analogous conditions which they found to exist in the Black African Republic of Liberia are contained in the report of the International Commission of Inquiry which has been issued at Geneva. Below are described the cruelties involved in the recruitment and shipment of labour which have been inflicted on the native tribes with the connivance and participation of officials connected with the Government of the country.

Geneva, Jan. 11. Slave raiding and trading, forced labour without pay, brigandage, cruelty, barbarities, intimidation and terrorism, brutal exploitation of the natives, extortion, plunder and official corruption, rape, and even murder—page after page, the report of the International Commission of Inquiry into the alleged existence of slavery in Liberia, unfolds its tale of horrors in the Negro republic of West Africa.

For years past stories of slavery practices in that country have been circulating throughout the world. In reply to a stiff note from the United States Government in 1929 the Liberian Secretary of State gave in writing his Government's "solemn and categorical denial of the existence in the Republic" of conditions hardly distinguishable from organised slave trading, and offered to have the charges investigated on the spot by a competent, impartial, and unprejudiced commission.

In the following September the permanent Liberian delegate accredited to the League of Nations informed the President of the League Council that "in order to dispel once and for all even the slightest doubt" his Government

tinguishable from slave raiding and slave trading and frequently by misrepresenting the destination."

(6) Labour employed for private purposes on privately owned plantations "has been impressed for this service on the authority of high Government officials, but there is no evidence that the Firestone Company consciously employs any but voluntary labour on its rubber plantations."

(7) The Commission further found that Vice-President Yancy and other high officials of the Liberian Government as well as County Superintendents and District Commissioners, have given their sanction for the compulsory recruitment of labour for road construction, for shipment abroad and other work by the aid and assistance of the Liberian Frontier Force. These officials have also condoned the utilisation of the intimidation of villagers, the humiliation and degradation of native chiefs and for the imprisonment of inhabitants.

Coercing the Chiefs. Some idea of the general character of the report has previously been given in the Straits Times. The particulars now given are based on the sworn testimony of a large number of persons interrogated by the Commission, and reveal a truly terrible state of affairs.

The President of the Republic, Mr. C. D. B. King, does not appear to have been personally involved. But it is stated that his Vice-President, Yancy, hood-winked the President and became a veritable tyrant, of whom practically all the chiefs lived in terror.

One instance out of many recorded in the report will serve to disclose the character of the Vice-President. A tribal dispute was brought before him by the Chief Jeh. Yancy ordered him to go back and bring the lawyers £100. The Chief returned with the money, "This is not enough for lawyers," said Yancy.

Chief Jeh went back to his people and borrowed £300 from the Cavalla River Company, giving the whole amount to Yancy. The case was then dismissed, but Yancy demanded further payments for setting Jeh free, amounting to £225. The Chief was rearrested, and his people had to pay a fine of £300 for his release, though he was still detained.

The Vice-President then commandeered 50 boys of Jeh's tribe for shipment to the Spanish protectorate of Fernando Po. He met with opposition, whereupon he announced that Jeh's "town" would in default have to pay £500. The supply of boys was promised, but when the ship arrived with Yancy on board the boys could not be found.

Yancy was furious and sent word to the Chief that if the gang for shipment was not ready in a few hours, he would burn the town. The boys had fled to the bush, but eventually 316 were rounded up and driven on board. Yancy later sent a large company of soldiers into the district to collect the remaining 200 boys.

The soldiers caught the old men, flogged and bound them, killed cattle and goats, and demanded sums of money and bags of rice. The hostages were delivered to Yancy and placed in gaol until the 200 boys were forthcoming.

This instance of Yancy's treatment of the people is fairly typical of many others mentioned in the report, and it should be remembered that the Commissioners had neither the time nor the opportunity of investigating all the cases.

Deserted Villages. This slave trading in Liberian natives for Fernando Po must have been a lucrative business, for the Spanish syndicate paid to the Liberian recruiting agents by agreement £9 for each boy plus a bonus of £1,000 for each 1,500 boys. Most of the boys were sent to the Spanish and Portuguese islands under false pretences.

The report states that this recruiting was carried out with reckless indifference to the economic welfare of the State.

The Commission found on their journeyings many villages completely deserted and overrun with vegetation. Forced labour is recruited mainly for the construction of main motor roads. In this connection there is a relieving touch of humour as regards the condition of the official mind.

The construction of these roads has been decided upon without any consideration of other developments and without consulting engineers.

The "surveyor" goes ahead into the bush with a horn. When he blows the horn his assistant tries to find him, and as he advances trails out a line of cord. That line is the track for the new road. Within a mile of the spot where men were at work laying down the road the Commissioners found the recently finished section already overgrown with grass. The natives are commanded for this work, but receive no wages. Moreover, they have to find their own tools and food, failing which they are heavily fined.

Punishments of a horrible kind are inflicted on the filthiest pretext. "If we go back, Jimmy Miller put us up the kitchen and set fire under," explained one native to the Commissioners. This refers to a common form of punishment in which the native is strung up to the rafters to a height, and then literally smoked over a fire in which red pepper has been thrown.

Flogging is prevalent, and in some cases natives have been beaten to death. To punish some of the natives their wives have been taken away by officials and forced to live in adultery. In greatest fear of what might happen when they returned to their husbands, these wretched women have deliberately killed babies born to them through the adultery.

One of the most dreaded measures of punishment is the "basket." A big basket is filled with earth and heavy stones, and lifted by several soldiers upon the head of the luckless native, who has fallen foul of the officials of the road building. The boy is then told to turn round and round, and while he is doing this the soldiers give the heavy load an extra twist. In this way necks are frequently broken and men killed, and more often it causes injury to the neck, resulting in subsequent death.

This system of forced labour compels the natives to neglect the cultivation of their own plots of ground, and in the end is a serious economic loss to the Republic.

The human pawn system, though a customary feature of the social structure of most backward countries, is greatly aggravated in Liberia by the system of compulsory labour. It has been stated above that heavy fines are frequently and unjustly inflicted upon native workers on the road. As often as not the boys or their chiefs cannot pay these fines, and seek escape from the penalty by pawning their relatives.

The report gives instances of numerous cases. In one case ten chiefs and headmen clubbed together and pawned their children to pay a communal fine of \$82. The duration of a pawn contract is indefinite. The holder of a family pawn has the right to take her to wife.

In districts where male labour is scarce "a man will take a number of women in pawn and place them at work on his farm. They are encouraged to entice young men into intimate relations with them and the young men are immediately seized, fined, and made to work out the amount of the fine on the farm."

The price of a pawn is the price of a slave, and in practice it is impossible for a pawn to redeem his self.

Intimidation. In their concluding observations, the Commissioners state that intimidation has been and is the key word of the Government's native policy; that development and social progress are unknown, while servitude and slavery have taken their place, and that the results are disastrous and that the natives live a harried and half-starved existence or else flee the country.

The first radical change they recommend is the removal of the five District Commissioners "as dishonest and corrupt officials." They suggest giving important appointments to Americans or Europeans of high moral standard. Their other suggestions and recommendations may be summarised as follows:

The policy of the open door. Extension of education to all alike. Native policy to be radically reconstructed. Barrier between civilised and uncivilised to be broken. Policy of suppression to be abandoned. Humiliation and degradation of chiefs to cease. Re-establishment of tribal authority of chiefs. Complete reorganisation of administration of the interior. Institution of some form of civil service. Rearrangement of the political divisions of the country. Pawning and domestic slavery to be made illegal as preliminary to total abolition. Shipment of labour to Fernando Po to cease. Road programme to be curtailed.

Much stricter control of the Frontier Force Soldiers. Reconsideration of duties of those soldiers.

American immigration to be encouraged.

In an introductory letter to the above report Mr. Sottile, Liberian Permanent Delegate to the League, endeavours to modify some of the disclosures, and declares that the facts mentioned by the Commissioners refer chiefly to the period 1919 to 1928. He announces the prompt introduction of measures by his Government for remedying the abuses, and charges other countries with permitting slavery and forced labour.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS OF THE CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 12th March, 1931, being a Customs Holiday.

J. W. STEPHENSON, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District, York Building, Hong Kong, 6th March, 1931.

CHURCHES

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

March 8, 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m. Children's Service, 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher: The Dean. Subject: "Hinduism or Christianity?" Evensong, 6 p.m.

Special Notice: Lecture at 6.30 p.m. followed by Discussion. Subject: "Does Christ transcend Race?" Speaker: Prof. L. Forster, M.A.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Sunday, March 8, 1931. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. E. G. Powell. Sunday Schools: Kennedy Road at 10 a.m. and Talkoo at 3 p.m.

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[Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.] Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service, March 8, 1931, 11.15 a.m. Subject: "Man." The Sunday School is held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6.30 o'clock. Reading Room at above address, open—

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Ten Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels. To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels. To-day—St. John's Hall annual dance, 9 p.m.

March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel. March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Let Us Be Gay." To-day—Central Theatre, "King of Jazz."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "When Love Comes Along." To-day—Star Theatre, "Soft Living."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Scarlet Maid" (Chinese picture). To-day—Star Theatre, Westminster Glee Singers, 5.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

To-day, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday—"Art and Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C. Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8. Lammer's Auction. March 10—At Sales Room, 4 Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m. March 16—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m. March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (President van Buren). To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Santia).

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Miss Capell's pupils' dancing display, Theatre Royal, 6.30 p.m. March 10—Central British School prize distribution, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.

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had definitely decided upon an international inquiry into the matter.

The Commission was thereupon formed nominally at the request of the Liberian Government. It consisted of Dr. Guthbert Christy (British), appointed by the League Council; Dr. Charles S. Johnson, a coloured professor of Fisk University, appointed by the Government of the United States; and the Hon. Mr. Arthur Barclay, appointed by the Liberian Government. The Commission have spent four months in Liberia, and took some hundreds of depositions of chiefs and other witnesses.

Charges Confirmed. Their report issued at Geneva yesterday instead of dispelling doubt confirms the charges and now imparts to them an official character. It is divided into two main sections, one dealing with slavery and the other with forced labour.

The outstanding points in the Commission's findings are as follows:—

(1) Slavery as defined by the Anti-Slavery Convention of 1926 actually does exist in certain forms.

(2) Pawning is also recognised in the social economy of the Republic (this is a system by which a native hands over to his creditor any member or relative of the family to work for the creditor without wages until the debt is settled).

(3) Women are sometimes taken as pawns and used to attract male labourers to the land of certain Americo-Liberians.

(4) Forced labour is made use of for various purposes. This labour has been "wastefully recruited and used frequently under conditions involving systematic intimidation and ill-treatment on the part of Government officials and others." None of the labour used for public services is paid, and frequently this labour is diverted to private use on the plantations of Government officials.

In many instances natives have had to pay large sums to release themselves from this forced labour.

(5) A large proportion of the contract labourers shipped to Fernando Po and French Gabon have been recruited under conditions of criminal compulsion scarcely distinguishable from slave raiding and slave trading and frequently by misrepresenting the destination."

MICKY WALKER IN GREAT BATTLE.

Defeats Johnny Risko Convincingly.

POINTS DECISION.

Miami Fla, Feb. 25. Mickey Walker, world's middle-weight title-holder, won a decision over Johnny Risko, Cleveland's baker boy, in their 10-round bout here to-night.

Walker did the feat in spite of Risko's 30-pound advantage.

The fight was fast and furious, Walker carrying the battle to his opponent throughout, pouncing Risko with all the clever punching seen only in the style of a real champion.

The baker boy held his own during the first five rounds and in the sixth he managed to release a terrific blow which opened a deep gash under one of Walker's eyes.

In spite of the blood pouring from his eye Walker continued to pursue his rushing tactics and aggressiveness during the remainder of the encounter. He pressed his attack and in the eighth and ninth rounds he had Risko helpless and almost exhausted, verging on a knockout.

The champion took seven of the ten rounds while three were credited to Risko who held a 30 lb. advantage.—United Press.

HOLDER OF LADIES' CHESS TITLE.

Plays 23 Opponents Simultaneously.

ONLY THREE LOST.

Miss Vera Menchik, the woman chess champion of the world, played 23 opponents simultaneously on February 6 at the Empire Social Chess Club, Baywater. Her opponents were drawn from the club's 800 members, and there were sixteen men and seven women. Miss Menchik walked from one to another calmly making her moves, occupying only a few seconds over each, and of the 23 games she won 15 and lost three.

JAPAN'S DESIRE FOR 1940 OLYMPIAD.

Difficulties Which Have To Be Overcome.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Tokyo, February 23. Japan has its eyes on the Olympic meet which is to be held in 1940. The movement was launched here in sporting circles which have the backing of the hotel and other business interests as well as the Tokyo municipality which is expected to foot a good share of the bills.

One of the principal obstacles the Japan Athletic Sports League fully realizes is the long distance to be travelled by the participants in the international games from various countries and the enormous travelling expenses required. In view of this fact, the officials of the International Tourist Bureau have in mind a plan to accord the foreign participants in the games free passage over the government railways and request will also be made to the Trans-Siberia Railway as well as the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for a discount in fares.—Associated Press.

OXFORD CHASING FOR "BLUE RIBAND"

Exciting Finish to Point-to-Point.

London, Feb. 27. The Hon. John Pearson, eldest son of Lord Cowdray, who is studying at Christchurch, won the Blue Riband of the Oxford point-to-point steeplechases to-day. After an exciting race he finished barely a length ahead of Lord Dalmeny's Barney. Mr. Pearson was riding Triplex.—Central News Wireless.

An erratic player is George Duncan, a wandering genius, whose public performances have been dull for some time; and yet, if he were to play Hagen, either at home or in America, thousands of golfers would back him to beat the "King," as Walter is called.—Anthony Spalding.

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

LOCAL BOY SIGNS AMATEUR FORMS FOR ENGLISH THIRD DIVISION CLUB.

VINCENT RICHARDS UP WITH THE TIMES.

REMARKABLY FAST SCORING IN CRICKET MATCH IN CEYLON.

ARGENTINIAN GOLF INVASION.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for staging the Schneider Trophy race over the waters of the Solent with due regard to the objections of the shipping companies to a course which causes congestion at the approaches to Southampton.

The British pilots should be well satisfied with the lay-out of the course, for it includes two very acute turns—one of 150 and the other of 170 degrees. In the last race the British pilots out-flew their rivals on the turns, and their victory was in no small degree due to this fact.

Lady Houston, in a telegram from Jersey, in connection with her offer towards Britain's expenses in the Schneider Trophy contest, says: "I have received a telegram saying the Government has insisted on a banker's guarantee being given by Thursday for the £100,000 I have promised."

"This is the sort of insult only a Labour Government could be guilty of. I am instructing my bankers to do this."

Definite steps to curb Baseball, the home run barrage in the National and the American leagues were disclosed in announcements made by the baseball moguls in New York recently.

The National League announced that its ball during the coming season would have a thicker cover and heavier stitches.

The American loop said that its ball would have the same cover as formerly, but heavier stitches.

These changes, the officials believe, will make it harder "to bat the pill out of the lot."

Lindrum's break of 1,402 in his game with Davis in Edinburgh, was the one hundred and fifty-first four-figure break he has made in his career, says Sporting Life.

All but forty have been made by the Australians in Great Britain and Ireland, and his one hundred and eleven breaks of a thousand or over in England have been made in ten months' actual play, covering a season and a half.

In his one hundred and fifty-one breaks of four figures Lindrum has scored a total of between a quarter-of-a-million and three hundred thousand points.

Lindrum, accompanied by Newman, will visit Colombo in April on their way to Australia.

Gene Tunney the ex-heavyweight champion of the world, is planning to follow the path of Marco Polo into ancient Cathay, according to the New York American. Accompanied by his wife he will sail for Cairo, where they will join the Haardt motor expedition through the Near East. At Beirut the women go to Damascus and the men push on through the deserts and mountains of Asia to the Kingdom of the Great Kahn in North China.

According to "On-Cricket" looker in the Ceylon Observer, W. G. Beauchamp has recently established a record for fast scoring in Ceylon. Playing for the Horn Club against the D.M.C.C. he knocked up 70 runs which lasted just over fifteen

minutes. Included in his undefeated innings were seven 6's and five 4's. The average age of his side was 54 years!

G. G. Edwards, a local boy who gained his Blue for Cambridge this year, has signed amateur forms for Luton Town in the Third Division. He made a successful debut in the match against Bristol Rovers, his side winning by four goals to one.

Jose Jurado, the brilliant Argentine golfer, and three of his colleagues, Freccero, Churio and Genta, are to arrive in England in April to take part in the spring tournaments and in the Open Championship.

If the weather is at all kind to the visitors at Carnoustie they may spring a surprise on the home professionals.

Freccero, Churio and Genta are paying their first visit to England and they hope to be pitted, with Jurado against four of the Ryder players in exhibition matches.

There is a very keen rivalry between them. In two matches recently at Buenos Aires Jurado and Freccero were in great form against their colleagues.

While the Hon. Mrs. Theodore Grosvenor—the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Strawbridge, the American millionaire—was riding with the Cottesmore Hounds from Leesthorpe Melton Mowbray, her horse fell dead under her.

Mrs. Grosvenor was flung from the saddle and rendered unconscious. Several riders—among them Sir William Wilcox, the Home Office expert—went to her help.

After first aid had been given she was taken in a farm cart through the fields to a car belonging to Lord Furness, in which she was conveyed home.

A team of New Zealand speedway riders is to visit England this season. The "All Blacks," as they will be known, sail for England in company with the English team at present touring New Zealand and are expected to arrive in England in May.

DEMPSEY'S RECORD CHALLENGED

Sharkey Proves Box Office Proposition. FIVE MORE YEARS.

Boston, Feb. 23. Jack Sharkey of Boston, American heavyweight champion, was the ring's biggest money-maker in 1930, according to the annual financial report of his manager, Johnny Buckley.

Sharkey's gross income from the boxing business last year was reported at \$218,000, including \$178,000 from his bout with Max Baer in New York and \$40,000 from his bout with Phil Scott in Florida.

According to Buckley, Sharkey expects to remain in the ring for another five years, at the end of which time he believes he will have drawn a total of about \$10,000,000 as his share of gate receipts; and this compares with Dempsey's record. Of course this "high estimate" is based on Sharkey's conviction that within a comparatively short time he will be "re-installed" as world heavyweight champion.—United Press.

The tour is being conducted under the auspices of the New Zealand Speedway Association, and arrangements are in hand for a series of triangular Test matches in which England, Australia and New Zealand will meet.

An X-rays examination of Mr. L. Whitfield, the amateur jockey, who was thrown from his mount John Hasty on January 16 in the Amateurs' Chase at Hurst Park, has revealed that there is a fractured dislocation of the cervical section with severe injury to the spine. He is lying in the Hurst Park racecourse hospital and his condition is stated to be critical.

Thus has ended the career of perhaps the finest gentleman jockey of the day. Of the amateurs only Mr. F. R. Thackray has ridden more winners since the jumping season began in August.

Arrangements have been made for a French Army Rugby team from Saigon to visit Malaya in November, writes the Straits Times.

They will stay in Malaya a fortnight and among the fixtures being arranged will be matches against the North and South. They will also play the Malaya Command, the greater part of which team will probably be formed by the Gloucesters who have a good Rugby reputation. The visit of the French team will be in the nature of a return visit to the Malaya Command, who took a weak team to Saigon last November and were defeated by 14 points to four.

A remarkable Steeplechasing incident occurred in the race for the Prince of Wales's Steeplechase at Sandown Park, Lady Victoria, one of the competitors, raced away at such a pace that she was over a hundred yards in front when she came down. Her jockey thought she had broken her neck, but examination revealed the fact that she had ruptured a large blood vessel. The veterinary surgeon stated that the mare was completely exhausted by the pace she had set and was probably dead as she rose at the fence.

The world's figure-skating champion, Herr Carl Schaefer, won the men's European figure-skating championship contest at Vienna this year. Herr Schaefer has now won the championship three years running.

Vincent Richards, the tennis well-known lawn tennis professional, has followed the example of Bobby Jones and W. T. Tilden, and has signed a contract to make two Pathe "spotlight" films, in which he will demonstrate and describe the leading features of his play. Richards has been playing tennis since he was twelve years of age, and as an amateur won every championship in the United States with the exception of the national grass courts' championship at Forest Hills. He became a professional five years ago.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who is on a visit to Nice, declares that he is on the Riviera for his health. "I am trying to live until my 82nd year; that is, until 1932, when I will make another try for the America's Cup," he stated recently, says the British United Press.

In his last effort to win the America's Cup back from America in 1930 Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, Shamrock V, was convincingly defeated by the defending yacht, "Sif" Thomas's previous challenges were made in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

SURREY CRICKETER PASSES AWAY.

"A Noble Innings in Game of Life."

ROBERT HENDERSON.

London, Feb. 3.

Close by the field where he first learned to hold a cricket bat, Robert Henderson, the former Surrey cricketer, was buried at Beddington Churchyard.

The Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, who played for Sussex for ten years, and who took part in the service in the church, said that he had known Henderson for fifty years. Henderson and Maurice Read did more to raise the whole tone of county professional cricket than any other men of their time. Apart from Henderson's great cricket career he "played a noble innings in the great game of life," and was a thorough sportsman and gentleman to the last.

The most remarkable innings he ever played was his 59 not out against Yorkshire in the Oval game of 1889, the "gaslight match." The lamps in the pavilion and around the ground were lighted, but despite the bad light it was agreed to finish the match, and Henderson made the winning hit, giving Surrey the victory with two wickets to spare. He had his benefit in 1897 when Yorkshire visited the Oval.

"AUSSIES" HELP GLOUCESTER.

Financial Position on Sound Footing.

Thanks largely to the success which attended their match with the Australians last season, Gloucestershire made a profit on the year's working of £1,333, and the financial position of the club is thoroughly sound. Gate receipts increased by nearly £1,200, while income from subscriptions rose by £200 and reached a total of £3,203. When Gloucestershire cricket was resumed after the war, £4,266 was raised, of which £3,600 still remains in hand.

MOTORING PRIZES AT MONTE CARLO.

Principal Award Won by Briton.

INVICTA CAR.

The principal award in the Monte Carlo rally, a prize of £400, has been won by a British driver and car, D. M. Healey in an Invicta car. A Riley nine, driven by Leverett, won first place in the 1,100 c.c. category.

Healey made Stavanger his starting point, and was awarded a total of 255 points, which include points for the distance he drove to Monte Carlo, and points for acceleration and braking.

A Lorraine (French), driven by Wimille (also from Stavanger), was second with 254 points. Lord de Clifford (Lagonda) was fourth with 253 points.

Of those who made John G. Groat's starting point the first place was taken by Black (M.G.), and the second by Cochrane (Talbot).

WILLIE SMITH'S RECORD.

Four Figure Breaks in Four Sessions.

Willie Smith had a dramatic race against time at Manchester in an attempt to set up a world's record, and won with two minutes to spare!

When play was resumed in the afternoon in his match with Sidney Smith, Willie was in play with a suspended effort of 502.

He failed at a long blow cannon from hand at 847. Sidney Smith put on 30, and then the ex-champion occupied the rest of the session compiling an unfinished 1,002—his fourth thousand run in four consecutive sessions.

Sixteen minutes from the close the break stood at 802. Then followed a bad spell. He made a superhuman effort to extricate himself, and by the time he had got the running again to his liking there was only a few minutes to spare. The Darlington man, however, scored rapidly and thus achieved the record.

FRIDAY,

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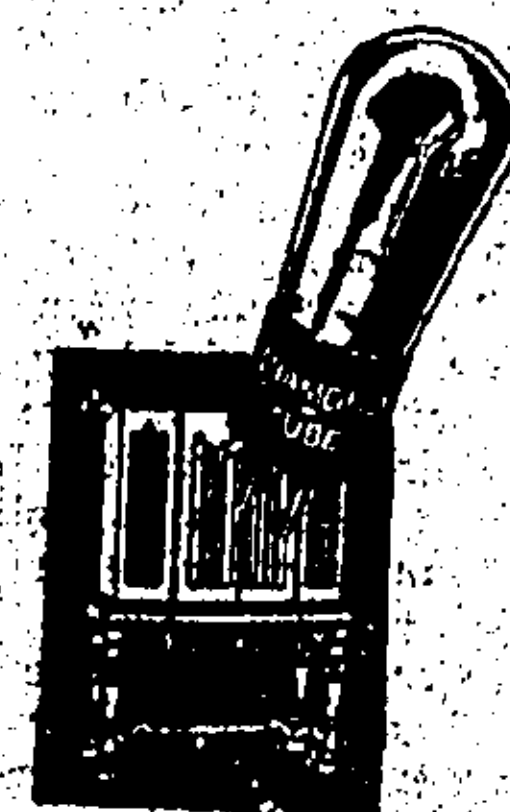
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H.K.C.C.:—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. J. Bowker, A. C. Beck, A. Reid, E. R. Duckitt, G. R. More, O. E. C. Martin, O. Moor, K. H. Batger, E. R. West, and L. B. Smith.

K.C.C.:—J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W. Bruce, W. C. Hung, F. Zimmern, G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay, H. Hampton, F. E. Lawrence, and F. E. Skinner.
C.S.C.C.:—E. B. Reed (Captain), G. R. Sayer, J. E. Richardson, R. M. Wood, P. Baker, W. Harris Walker, P. J. de Rome, R. H. Griffiths, B. D. Evans, P. J. Ling, and E. W. Hamilton.
Reserve: D. R. Kelly

UNIVERSITY II. v. H.K.C.C. II.—H.K.C.C. Ground at 2 p.m.

University II.:—K. T. Loke (Captain), A. Aziz, G. S. Scully, H. Nomanbhoy, P. N. da Silva, P. L. Tan, H. E. G. Leung, W. A. James, E. Gosano, F. E. Skinner, and D. Hunt.
Reserve: A. B. Tota.
H.K.C.C. II.:—H. J. Armstrong, J. R. Hinton, R. R. Davies, G. E. R. Divett, H. F. Green, R. S. W. Paterson, J. Chadwick, C. E. Gahagan, E. C. Eberington, and E. J. Collins.
K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C. at 2 p.m.

C.S.C.C. II. v. R.A.S.C.

C.S.C.C. II.:—H. E. Strange (Captain), A. E. Wood, J. M. Wilson, McLellan, S. Randle, D. M. McDougall, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. F. McGowan, P. E. Mathews, J. F. Willmott, and E. H. H. W. W. W.
Reserve: D. R. Kelly.

SUNDAY'S MATCH.

PHOENIX XI. v. DR. PONSONBY FANES XI.—University Ground at 10.30 a.m.

Phoenix XI.:—D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), A. Baker, A. B. Sullivan, A. T. Nomanbhoy, A. Chan Fook, A. M. Rodrigues, G. E. Yeoh, K. T. Loke, A. A. Aziz, H. Nomanbhoy, and A. S. A. Kym.

FOOTBALL.

Senior Shield.

K.F.C. v. CLUB.—Club Ground at 4.15 p.m.

K.F.C.:—Penny, Martin, Downman, Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss, Pile, Simpson, Gillett, Grimwood, and Janson.

Junior Shield.

K.F.C. II. v. EWO.—Sookunpo at 2.30 p.m.

K.F.C. II.:—Angus, Guest, Eastman, Everest, Gilchrist, Cameron, Williams, Whiting, Spary, Cotton, and Bickford.
Reserve: Hasty and Smith.

CLUB v. S.V.B.—Club Ground at 2.30 p.m.

Club:—Fogwill, Sloan, Hynes, Panchen, McFarlane, Hooper, Alexander, Bell, Strang, Jackson, and Baldwin.
Reserve: Tavlin and Smith.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following "A" fixtures have been arranged:
Wednesday, March 11.—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Cumberland.
Wednesday, March 18.—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Midway.
The first match of the triangular tournament, Club v. Navy, has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, March 28.
Owing to lack of grounds available, it will probably not be possible to hold the two remaining matches, Club v. Army and Army v. Navy on a Saturday. These games, therefore, will have to be held midweek. Definite dates will be announced later.

HOCKEY.

Caer Clark Cup.

K.B.S.F.A. v. RECREIO.—On K.B.S.F.A. Ground at 4.15 p.m.

K.B.S.:—P. Hunt, M. George, M. Martin, D. Pinget, D. Smith, S. Dahlui, E. Booth, M. Groundwater, B. Hirst, A. Fowler and D. Avenall.
Reserve: D. Hunt.
Recreio:—C. Botelho, C. Silva, L. Silva-Netto, A. Alves, M. Remedios, L. Xavier, M. Alves, E. Rosario, M. Bato, C. Osmond and B. Remedios.

Y.M.C.A. II. v. H.M.S. CUMBERLAND.—At King's Park at 4 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. II.:—Burson, Tipple, Dorman, Macey, Tate, Kilby, Muller, Smith, Ashton, Parker, and Brown.
Reserve: Kysnerling.

EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

USING THE WRISTS IN THE SWING.

INFLUENCE OF GRIP.

How do you use your wrists in golf?

Whatever you answer you are likely to be wrong by the standards of one school of experts or another. It is a most controversial topic this question of the use—and the misuse—of the wrists.

I was reminded of the fact the other day while watching a golfer who had an unusually long and easy swing, but who was just incapable of timing his shots at all. His worst fault was hitting the ground behind the ball, but even a clean hit did not travel the distance that might have been expected from the length and momentum of the swing.

The trouble with this golfer was "too much wrist."

No golfer will ever hit a long ball, or play a short one accurately, unless he uses his wrists, but the balling point is how the wrists can correctly be used.

Too much wrist at the top of the swing is bad. It leads to over-swinging; the player probably fails to get the club-head through with a snap—having exhausted his wrist action before reaching the ball—with the result that he gets his hands and body in front and slices badly.

Strength of Wrist.

Yet, if a player could possess the strength of wrist and the balance of swing to begin wrist action at the top of the swing and still get in a whip-like crack at impact with the ball, he should secure a tremendous downward pace with the club-head and add yards to the length of his drive.

I have met few golfers, however, who could start wrist action early and still keep in reserve a final crack.

Most golfers keep wrist action out of the top of the swing.

It is sound to endeavour to keep the wrists out of the shot until you have struck the ball. You will not, in actual effect, succeed in delaying wrist action quite so long but you will delay it long enough to get it in at the right instant. That is timing.

Flexibility of the wrists is necessary in a golfer in order to secure perfect timing, rhythm and control. Striving after length that is not easily obtained is one way of making the muscles of the wrist unsupple, when they are not naturally so. The strain caused by this striving hardens the muscles, and so eliminates the necessary suppleness.

An Excellent Argument.

All of which is one excellent argument against that striving for length at the cost of accuracy.



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INFLUENCE OF GRIP.

The problem is, of course, to keep a firm enough grip on the club without tensing the wrists. This is done by relying on the left hand to keep the club steady, letting the right hand bring the touch of lightness and flexibility that is needed.

A firm grip with the left hand is advised for the golfing swing—but there are firm grips—and firm grips!

It is the habit of the beginner to grasp the shaft of the club with all five fingers and the thumb of the left hand closed round it in a vice-like grip, so soon as the "firm left hand" is mentioned to him. Much better shots will be produced if the thumb and first finger of the left hand hold almost loosely. There should be no tenseness in the grip of these two digits.

The firmer grip is taken by the last three fingers of the hand. When this is done, the control is obtained over the club, and the grip is not liable to loosen at the top of the swing. Furthermore, the necessary flexibility of the wrists is not interfered with.

Naturally, a golfer, on buying new clubs, is careful about the length he buys. Judging each club by the usual standard, he chooses the right length for himself.

But, even so, there is a wide element of doubt among many a beginner as to where on the foot or more of leather grip that adorns his club his fingers are to take up their grasp.

Depends on Individual.

As a matter of fact, this point also depends on the individual—the fact that there is such a wide margin, that the grip is made so long at all, proves it.

The rule is that the club should be held as near the end of the shaft as possible—but "possible" means as near as is consistent with perfect control and balance.

At least half an inch should be left protruding from the left hand when the grip has been taken up, and if comfort demands that an even lower grip be taken, this should be done. That is the grip for wooden shots. And the nearer the ball gets to the hole, the more will the hands wander down the grip of the club-shaft.

A golfer's grip should enable him to "lock" his wrists at the top of the swing, and then bring his right hand into the shot with a snap as the ball is struck. It is important to delay wrist action until the instant of impact.—(China Mail Copyright.)

HOW TO POT AT BILLIARDS.

Vital Leg and Body Action.

THE "SCREW" EFFECT.

[By Willie Smith.]

"Winning hazard striking is absolutely vital in the equipment of a billiards player. Not only for break building. To be able to pot a ball well often gets a player out of a tight corner and solves many problems for one when difficult winning hazards are the only practical solution for the next shot.

What is the secret of being able to pot a ball well? My answer is—Cue action and a good firm stance at the table, writes Willie Smith in the Burvat Billiards Review.

It is most important to keep the body perfectly still when delivering the cue for the stroke. Not one in a thousand value this properly.

My Methods.

These are the points necessary for accurate striking. I give my methods in a few words and hope

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS.—Monday—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

RACING.—To-day—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley. March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

HOCKEY.—To-day—Caer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies v. Recreio; St. Andrew's v. Diocesan Girls' School.

Sunday—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Shamoon, 11 a.m.

CRICKET.—To-day—Division I.—Indian R.C. v. Navy (F.); Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Division II.—Civil Service C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (L); Club de Recreio v. Royal Engineers (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Police (F.); University v. Indian R.C. (F).

FOOTBALL.—To-day—Senior Shield—Club v. Kowloon F.C.; St. Joseph's v. Borderers; Royal Artillery v. Club de Recreio; South China A.A. v. Navy; Junior Shield—Club v. Borderers; South China A.A. v. Navy; St. Joseph's v. Eastern; Ewo v. Kowloon F.C.

Tuesday—Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

FENCING.—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 6.15 p.m.

March 21—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

CHES.—Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

ATHLETICS.—March 9—Marathon Race, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m. March 16 and 18—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL.—March 14—English Cup—Semi-Final; Scottish Cup—Semi-Final.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—March 14—Ireland v. Wales, Belfast.

they will be of value to the amateur. Those who have seen how I bang the red in will remember how I do it:—

I take great care to make a firm stance, my left leg being forward and the right leg well back, the left knee being slightly bent and the right leg taut. My body is therefore as steady as a rock.

When I am aiming, my cue is tight against my body, so much so that the cloth on my waistcoat is worn glossy with the friction of the cue.

Simple instructions and yet so vital. If the body is kept still, the cue being tight against it, accurate cueing is a simple matter.

In these few words you have the secret of the easy manner in which I keep on banging the red ball into the pockets.

"T. B. G." writing in the same interesting magazine on "screw," says:—

"When the fuller contacts are being played it is desirable to terminate the follow through with a snappy little nudge of the cue. This manoeuvre seems to exaggerate the screw effect and get the cue quickly out of the way of the returning ball."

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CONVERSION OF A RUGBY ENTHUSIAST

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TELEPHONE CALL POISON

I want to make a clean breast of it. I will start from the beginning, and make no excuses, though any extenuating circumstances will, I hope, be taken in my favour.

It was exactly a year ago that the temptation was first cast in my way. There was no reason to think that I should even give it a thought. My up-bringing had been all right. Many a tough House Match on Marlborough's breezy Common had I struggled through, as wing forward in a pack that was more noted for its language than its skill.

Only Rugby.

I have always trod the Twickenham trail. I have twice fought my way to Colombes Stadium in a crazy French taxi-cab, and watched the white jerseys triumph amid the shrill whistlings and "la-la"-ings of the Parisian thousands.

Yet I fell. And how great was my fall! Yet I am utterly unrepentant.

It was like this. One Friday last January a friend of mine, an ex-colleague of the above-mentioned House XV, whom I had long suspected of being unfaithful to the egg-shaped ball, calmly and deliberately rang me up on the telephone and said, "You are coming to see a Cup-tie with me to-morrow."

"I am not," said I.

Poison Injected.

"I'll call for you at your office at 12.30. Millwall vs. Doncaster Rovers. Good-bye."

"Hey! What do you—"

But he had cut off; and the poison was safely injected. All that day I fought with my better self, yet in the back of my mind I knew that I would go—"just to see."

Well, I went, mentally stubborn, determined to be bored, to be sarcastic, perhaps to leave at half-time. And in a few minutes I had forgotten all my traditions, my conscience, everything. I saw only 22 men playing a football game so fast, so skilful, so plucky, and with such astonishing accuracy, that I could hardly believe my own eyes.

Feels at Home.

And the crowd! A real London cockney army, the same we used to know in France, with the same priceless spontaneous humour. I felt at home. None of your stand-offish reservation as at Twickenham!

Before the match had been going 15 minutes I had entered into desperate though spasmodic argument with a perky little man on my left, who ended up every sentence with the words, "And you can take it from me chum, it is so." I took it from him all right.

And that was the beginning. I went to West Ham and saw a battle there that stood my hair on end. I packed in with the rest at Wembley and watched Arsenal lift the Cup from Huddersfield in a game of 60 thrills to every minute.

Full-Fledged Fan.

This year I am a full-fledged fan, writes "J.B.E." in the Morning Post. I know all about the Leagues.

"There is a knack in screw which is not always easily obtained. Quiet wrist-screwing is the best. It is quite an error to suppose that a great deal of force must always be used in screwing a ball.

"This method is a waste of effort and a danger to the cloth. A low bridge, a cue as near the horizontal as possible and good wrist action are the elements to be most sought in practice."

WHO WILL WIN?

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME.

[Exclusive to China Mail—By "Lineamap."]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-day. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL v. Huddersfield
BIRMINGHAM v. Manchester U.
Blackburn v. ASTON VILLA
Blackpool v. CHELSEA
DERBY CO. v. Bolton
Leeds U. v. NEWCASTLE
LEICESTER C. v. Grimsby
Manchester C. v. Liverpool
Preston v. Middlesbrough
Sheffield U. v. West Ham
Sunderland v. WEDNESDAY

Division II.

Barnsley v. PRESTON
BRADFORD C. v. Notts Forest
Bristol C. v. BURNLEY
BURY v. Wolves
Cardiff C. v. Southampton
Charlton v. TOTTENHAM
EVERTON v. Reading
Plymouth v. BRADFORD
PORT VALE v. Oldham
SWANSEA v. Stoke C.
WEST BROM. v. Millwall

Division III.—South.

BOURNEMOUTH v. Newport
CLAPTON O. v. BRIGHTON
CONVENTRY v. Southampton
FULHAM v. Luton
Norwich v. N'THAMPTON
NOTTS CO. v. Exeter
Queen's P.R. v. BRENTFORD
SWINDON v. Bristol R.
Thames v. TORQUAY
Walsall v. CRYSTAL PAL.
WATFORD v. Gillingham

Division III.—North.

DARLINGTON v. Carlisle
Doncaster v. SOUTHPORT
GATESHEAD v. Barrow
Halifax v. York C.
HARTPOOLS v. Crewe
HULL C. v. Accrington
LINCOLN v. Rochdale
Nelson v. TRANMERE
N. BRIGHTON v. Rotherham
STOCKPORT v. Chesterfield
WIGAN v. Wrexham

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. RANGERS
Ayr U. v. Airdrie
CLYDE v. East Fife
Cowdenbeath v. Hearts
Falkirk v. Morton
HAMILTON v. Kilmarnock
Hibernians v. Queen's Park
MOTHERWELL v. Dundee
Partick v. CELTIC
ST. MIRREN v. Leith

TO-DAY'S SNIPS.

Home.

Arsenal
Birmingham
Derby County
Bradford City
Everton
Port Vale
West Bromwich Albion
Bournemouth
Notts County
Lincoln
Clyde
St. Mirren

Away.

Aston Villa
Chelsea
Bradford
Tranmere
Brighton
Northampton
Torquay
Celtic

SARAZEN REPEATS HIS SUCCESS.

Florida's Golfing Tourney.

Belleair, Florida, Mar. 1. Gene Sarazen, New York professional, won the Florida west coast open golf championship for the second successive year to-day. He scored 278 for the 72 holes. Harry Cooper, Chicago professional, was second with 281, and Henry Culet, of Bridgeport, was third with 285.—Associated Press.

BONZO

By George Studdy



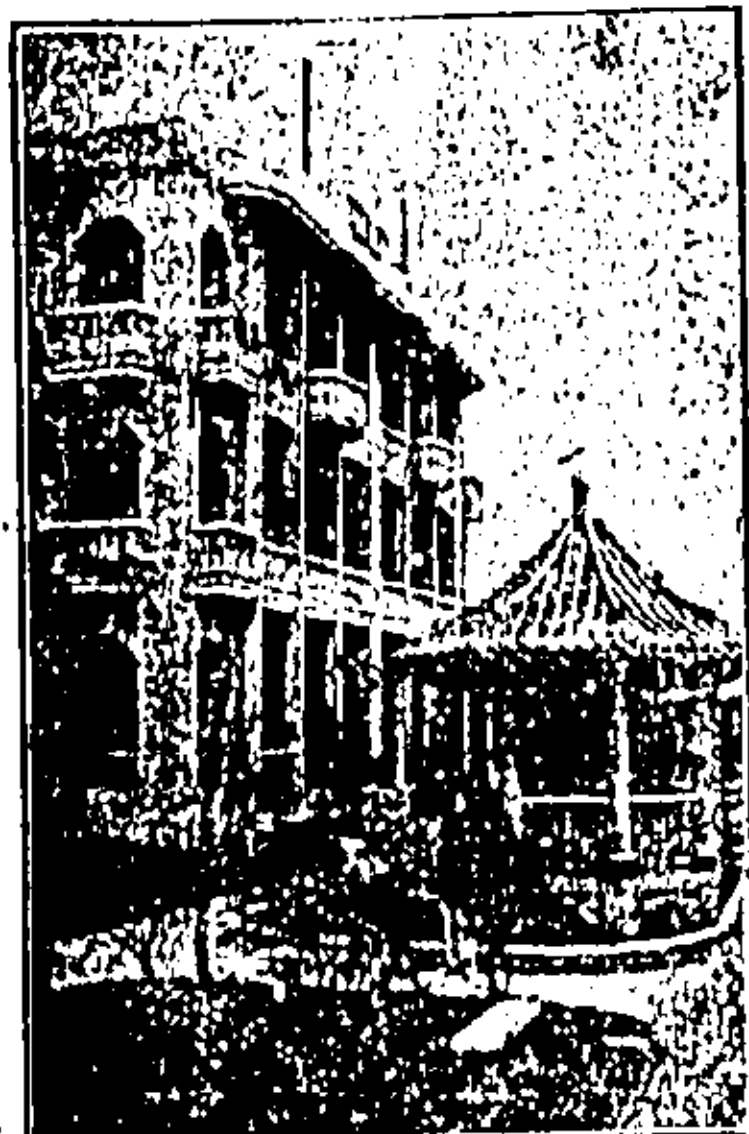
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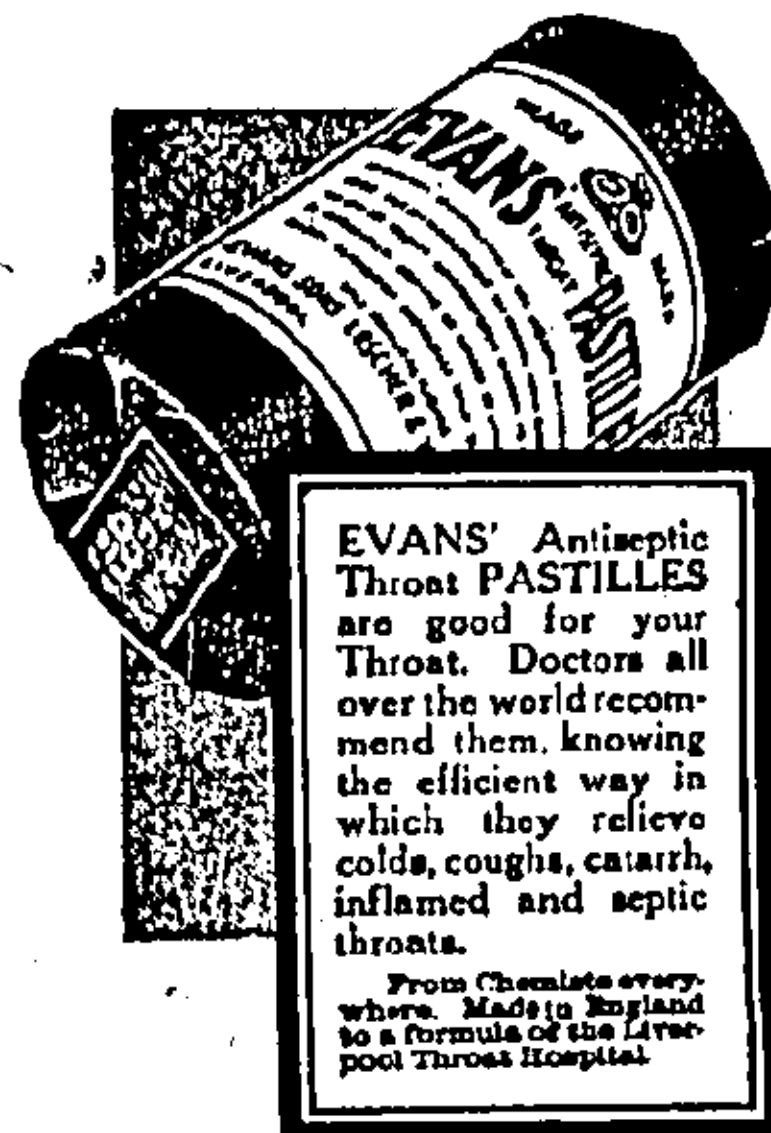
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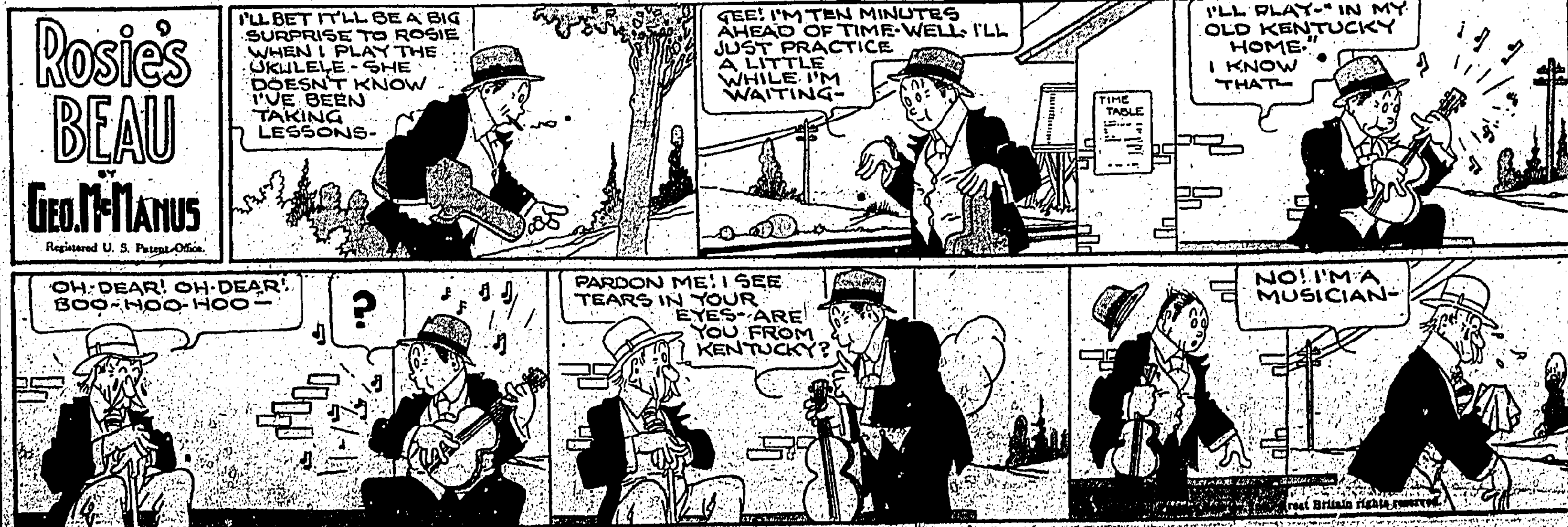
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

WALTER.

When the joyful news was cried in the streets of London that a prince had been born to King Edward the Second and Queen Isabella, Walter, the apprentice fishmonger, with a great number of other boys and young men, went clamouring to their



"Walter, with his golden trumpet, came leaping from the ship."

masters for a holiday. They were given their freedom for four days. The peace lovers thereupon locked their doors, for the Fishmongers formed such a powerful and wealthy Guild that when their apprentices became riotous, or even their masters committed crimes, they were judged only in their own court. Then they were pardoned, if possible, or, at the worst, the Fishmongers' Guild paid a fine to the city.

Walter was a master's son, a lad of sixteen, but an apprentice. He rode out behind his master when a company of Fishmongers went to bargain for fish on the coast, and he had made up his

mind to be Lord Mayor of London one day. His father's riches would be his, and this new prince might be more worthy of the Fishmongers' loyalty than the careless king who spent his time in feasting.

"Let us welcome him as our own!" shouted Walter. "Let us go to the Queen with gifts and show her the power of the Fishmongers! Come to our masters for gold, and fair jewels, and rich silks, and rare fish."

The Guild of Fishmongers, pleased with this idea, decked out a barge as a magnificent ship. Silk fluttered from the mast, cloth of gold hung from the deck, and Walter, impersonating the wind, blew a golden trumpet. This ship they sailed to Westminster, and thither galloped a great company of richly attired Fishmongers. The Queen came out and accepted the ship. She was, she declared, about to set out on a pilgrimage to Canterbury, so the Fishmongers determined to escort her through the city.

Great was the tumult. Walter with his golden trumpet came leaping from the ship, and ran in the dust between the horses and coaches. Even the poorest fish-seller, who trundled sweet white mackerel on a wheelbarrow to the country, joined the throng. The city of London was at the mercy of the Fishmongers that day.

Years afterwards, Walter became Lord Mayor under King Edward the Third, and again gave the city a holiday. But the new King was a strong man who kept Walter in his place, and Walter was so amazed that he kept the Fishmongers in order, and there was peace for a little while in the city of London.

LOGICAL.

Little Mary had never seen her Aunt Anna, and was much delighted when a visit was promised by the aunt. When the day arrived that the aunt was due a telegram was delivered at Mary's home which read: "Missed train. Will start at same time tomorrow."

Mary stood quietly by while her mother read the telegram aloud, then burst into tears.

"Why, darling," cried the mother anxiously, "what in the world is the matter?"

"Oh, mother," replied the child between sobs, "I will never see my Aunt Anna, after all!"

"Never see her!" exclaimed the mother in surprise. "What makes you think that, dear?"

"Why, mother," explained the child, "she says she will start the same time tomorrow, and if she does she will lose her train again, won't she?"

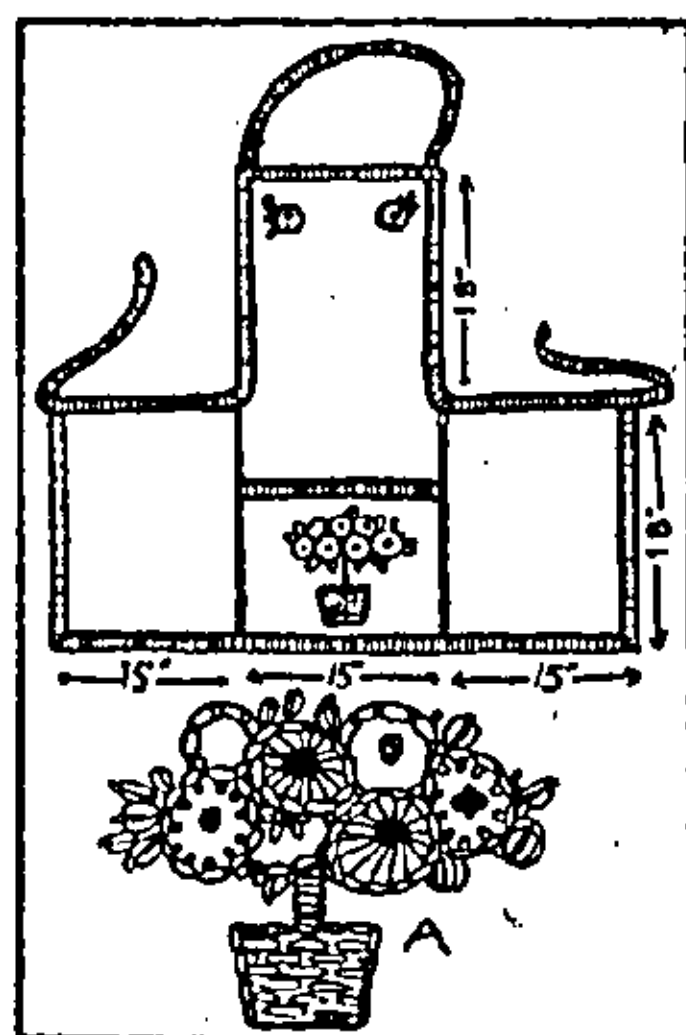
WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

An Apron Like Wendy's.

"A pretty apron for Mother," is the special request this week. So I am going to tell you how to make one like Wendy's.

You will need two and a quarter yards of Russian crash, which you can buy for sixpence the yard, fifteen inches wide; you'll also want some coloured cotton braid for the binding, and any odds and ends of coloured wools you can find for the embroidered trimming on the pocket.

First cut off the odd quarter of a yard—this is to make the pocket. Now cut the remaining



An apron like Wendy's. Dressmaker explains how to make it.

two yards in half up the centre, so that you have two yard-long pieces. Cut one of the pieces in half again, and lay these two pieces one each side of the yard-long bit—the Diagram explains what I mean. Sew the pieces to the long main part of the apron, one each side, and go over the joins with back-stitching in wool to match the colour of the binding you are going to use.

Take the piece for the pocket—it will be fifteen inches wide and nine inches deep—and draw a little design, like the one shown in Diagram A, in the centre. Work the tub in blue wool, using darning-stitches right across and outlining it with back-stitching. Then pencil round pennies and ha'pennies to get the shapes of the flowers; work these in buttonhole stitch, back-stitch, and lazy-daisy stitch, making them all very bright and gay, and giving some of them black centres, others yellow, or orange.

Work the tree trunk in brown satin stitch, and add green lazy-daisy leaves here and there amidst the flowers. Press the embroidery well under a damp cloth; bind the top edge of the pocket with braid, and stitch it firmly to the front of the apron.

Bind all the apron edges with the braid, and sew a loop to the top of the bib part, so that it can be slipped over the wearer's head. Then, with braid strings to tie round the waist, the apron is finished.

You can work a couple of flowers each side of the top of the bib if you like!

Wendy's Dressmaker.

THE GREEN BIRD.

"How did you know that I had been naughty?" asked the little questioning princess.

"A little bird told me," replied the oldest of all the nurses.

"Tell me," sighed the little questioning princess, "who is this bird that talks so much?"

"It is very, very old," replied the oldest of all the nurses. "It is the Green Bird. Always green, ever fresh, always young in spite of its great age. It can speak only the truth. But it does not speak unless spoken to; then it is obliged to answer the truth."

"About everything?"

"About everything." There were once two sisters who deceived a king and told him that he had no little son, and the king met the Green Bird and asked it, and the bird told him the truth—the little son was in hiding. This Green Bird lives in the icy regions where the water, the snow, and the ice gleam green. Many people have tried to capture it and put it in a cage, but it cannot be done.

"Never, never?"

"Never for long. Once a princess succeeded in catching it, and she had it all to herself for a little while and asked it a great number of questions. Then it got away. You see, the wind talks to it, and it whispers back. As it travels all over the earth, a great deal of the truth that it tells lingers like a whisper in the air, and people hear it, and then they say 'A little bird has told me.' Far back in the night of time, people spoke of this little green bird."

"As it told you about me, I am going out to seek it in the garden," said the little questioning princess. "I have hundreds of questions to ask it myself."

TWO EASY TRICKS.

First one: Lay five matches on a plate, and ask your pal how five people can take a match, and yet leave one on the plate.

Four of your pals take one match each, leaving one on the plate. Now you lift up the plate, thus taking the fifth—but it is still on the plate.

Next one: Lay a newspaper on the floor, and tell two of your pals to stand on it with both feet, and yet be unable to touch one another. They can't do it. Right! Then you lay the newspaper under a closed door, then you can stand on one side of the paper, and your mate on the other—but he cannot touch you.

WORD CHANGING.

Ask your chum can he change six to forty by changing one letter at a time to form a new word. Where a longer word appears, a letter is added, instead of making a change. After a few attempts he will very soon give it up.

First when you ask him show him No. 1 diagram only. Then, when he gives it up, show him No. 2 diagram.

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| No. 1. | No. 2. |
| 1. Six. | 1. Six. |
| 2. | 2. Fix. |
| 3. | 3. Fox. |
| 4. | 4. For. |
| 5. | 5. Fort. |
| 6. Forty. | 6. Forty. |

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

A Model Railway Signal.

You can easily make this smart railway signal from odd pieces of wood.

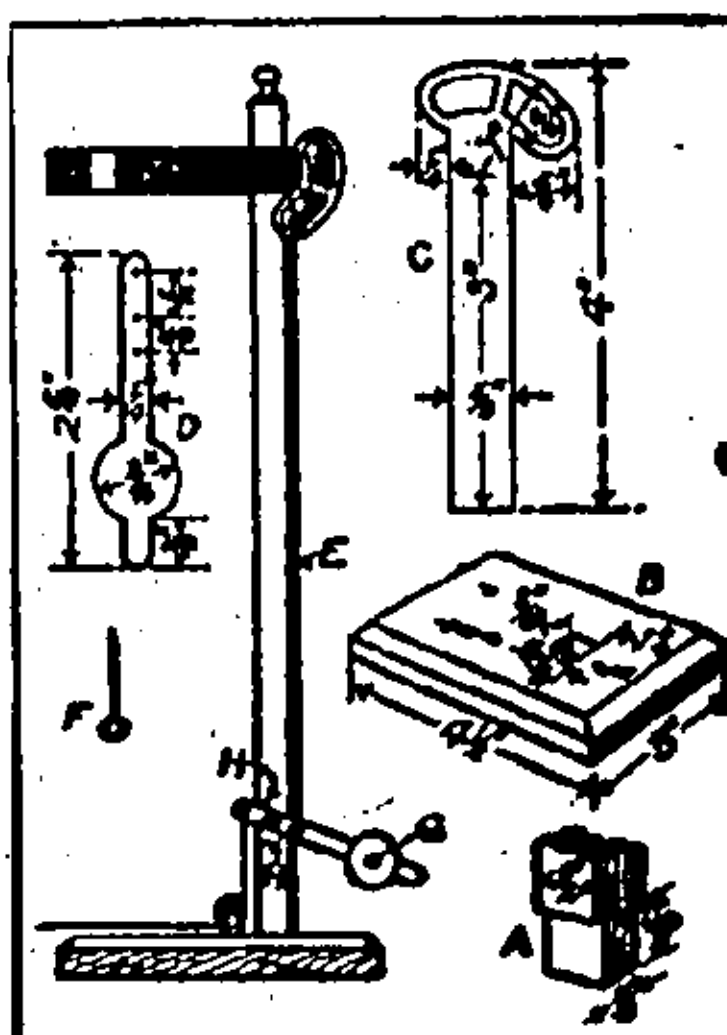
The upright is a piece of half-inch square strip wood, ten and a half inches long, with a tenon cut at the bottom, as shown at A, for fixing to the base. Make a hole in the top end of the post and glue in the stem of a small wooden knob to form the finial.

The base is a piece of wood five-eighths of an inch thick, cut to the sizes given in diagram B. Bevel the top edge, cut out the slot for the bottom of the upright, and glue the latter in place.

For the signal arm, shown in diagram C, use a piece of hardwood, such as oak, planed to a thickness of a full sixteenth of an inch. With a fretsaw, cut out the curved slots, and for the signal glasses glue on two pieces of thin coloured gelatine sheet, like that on Christmas bonbons. Use a red piece for the top glass and green for the bottom.

Cut the lever D also from a thin piece of oak, and make three small holes near one end as shown. For the pivot pin for the lever, use a round-headed screw, driven in the post at two and one-eighth inches from the bottom, with a thick washer between the lever and the post.

The signal arm pivots on another screw one inch from the



The model railway signal, which you can make for your small brother, if you read Carpenter's instructions.

top of the post. The connecting wire E, which is looped at each end as shown at F, is connected to the signal arm and lever by small screws. For working the signal, a thin cord, looped through the hole in the end of the lever, passes under a small pulley block screwed to the base as shown in the diagram. To "weight" the lever, a thin disc of lead, three quarters of an inch in diameter, should be screwed on at G. To limit the movement of the signal arm, drive two wire nails H, H, into the post in the positions indicated.

Complete the signal by painting the various parts with enamel. The base can be green; the post white; the signal arm red with a white part near the end; and the lever and connecting wire black.

The Hut Carpenter.

OUR SWEET-MAKING CORNER.

Walnut Creams.

The most difficult part of making this delicious sweet is the cracking of the walnuts, which must be done carefully so that each kernel comes out in two complete halves. Some like these halves to be skinned, others use them as they are, but if the skin is thick and brown it is much better to peel it off. Having prepared the nuts, make the cream:

Put one pound of sifted icing sugar into a basin, and mix it with the white of one egg to a stiff paste which can be easily handled, adding, if necessary, a few drops of water. Lemon juice can be used instead of water if the flavour is preferred.

Knead the cream well on a board till it is quite smooth; roll out, and cut it into one-inch squares. Shape each square into a ball, place this on a clean, dry dish, and press half a walnut into the middle. This will make the sweet spread out and become a good shape. Set aside to become dry. Half the mixture may be coloured pink with a little cochineal if you like.

Quite All Right!

A youngster went up to the picture show window one afternoon when the manager of the show, who was nearby, suspecting that he was playing truant, said: "Shouldn't you be at school, my boy?"

"It's all right," replied the kid. "I've got the measles."

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

Last week we drew a cook-lady very busy in her kitchen, and we asked you to guess what she was making. She was, of course, making puddings—and we hid this answer in the puzzle, solution of which is:—

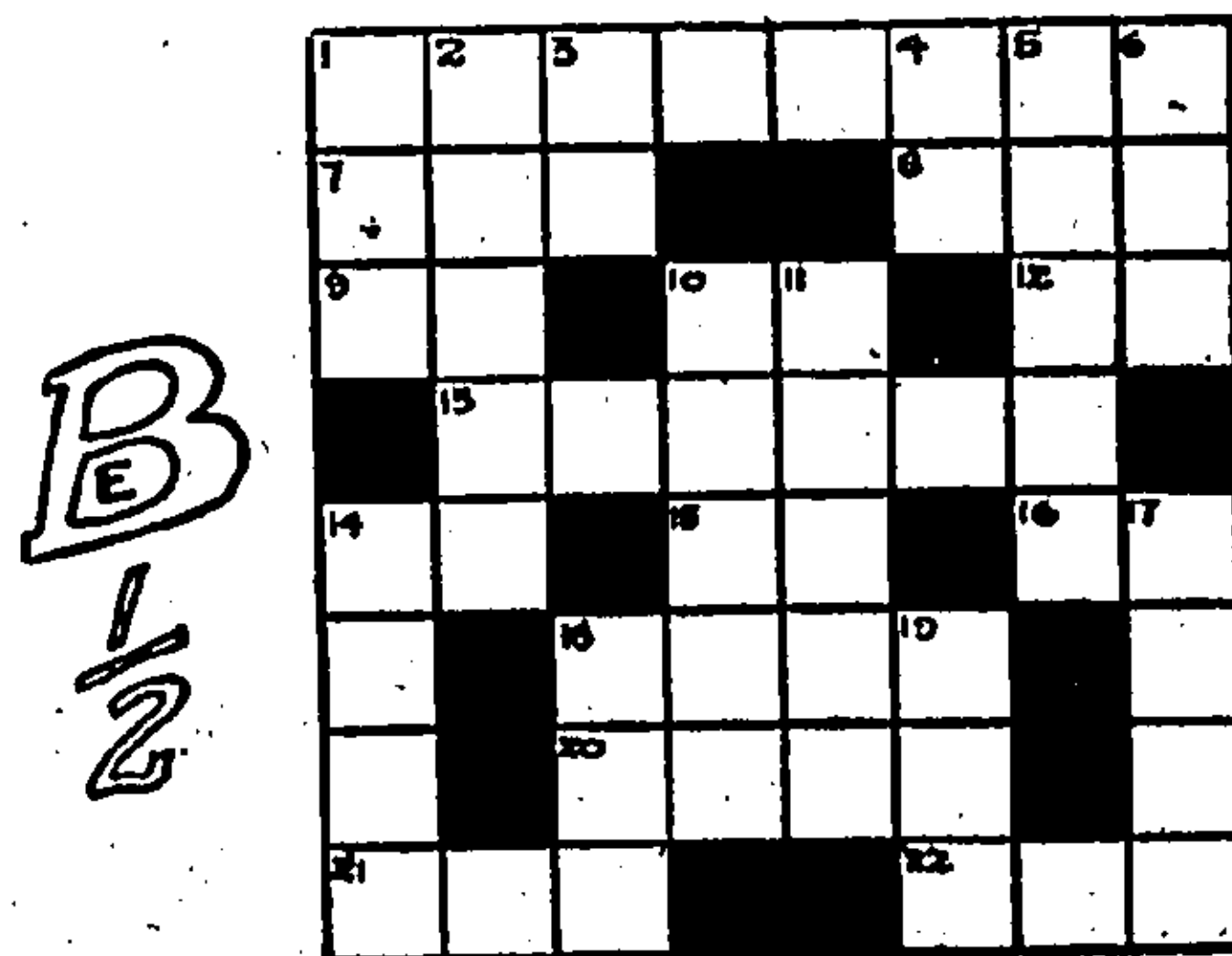
Across.

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| 1. Scents | (Perfumes). |
| 5. Crafts | (Arts). |
| 8. Drifts | (Floats). |
| 10. Therefore | (So). |
| 11. Animal | (Ox). |
| 12. Meaning "that is" | (i.e.). |
| 14. Hidden word | (Puddings). |
| 17. Anger | (Ire). |
| 18. Girl's name | (Ena). |
| 19. Bird's home | (Nest). |

Down.

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Favourite | (Pot). |
| 2. True | (Real). |
| 3. Greatest number | (Most). |
| 4. Bashful | (Shy). |
| 6. Land measure | (Rood). |
| 7. Motor cab | (Taxi). |
| 8. Number | (Four). |
| 9. Symbol | (Sign). |
| 10. Whirl round | (Spin). |
| 13. Bible name | (Esau). |
| 15. Wild beast's home | (Den). |
| 16. Used by fishermen | (Net). |

Can anyone guess what word the drawing beside this week's puzzle is intended to represent? It is hidden, as usual, and the clues are:—



What English word does this represent?

Clues:—

Across.

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| 1. Exactness. |
| 7. To and . . . |
| 8. Pronoun. |
| 9. Baby's "thank you." |
| 10. Thoroughfare (abbreviated). |
| 12. Preposition. |
| 13. Hidden word. |
| 14. Because. |
| 15. Part of verb "to be." |
| 16. Measure of length (abbreviated). |
| 18. Notion. |
| 20. Not so much. |
| 21. Bird. |
| 22. Turns in a lock. |

Down.

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| 1. At the stern of a vessel. |
| 2. Shell-fish. |
| 3. Company (abbreviated). |
| 4. Same as 14 across. |
| 5. Husks of grain. |
| 6. Still. |
| 10. Cover for a lamp. |
| 11. Makes less wild. |
| 14. As well. |
| 17. Very small. |
| 18. Not well. |
| 19. Invite. |

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Q.—Why should a caterpillar be very good?

A.—Because it is always turning over a new leaf.

Q.—Why is the letter "E" like London?

A.—Because it is the capital of England.

Q.—Why is the inside of a jug mysterious?

A.—Because you can't make it out.

Q.—What part of London is in France?

A.—The letter "N."

Q.—When is a boy not a boy?

A.—When he falls into the water and comes out dripping.

Q.—When is butter like a lot of Irish people?

A.—When it is made into Pats.

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STORMY STRAITS.

["The Question of the Straits," by
P. P. Graves; Benn, 10/6.]

The Straits referred to are the
Bosphorus and the Dardanelles,
and the author, formerly corres-
pondent of the Times in the Near
East, knows what he is writing
about. In this all too short book
Mr. Graves tells us the thrilling
three-thousand-year story of these
stormy straits, and shows how
since the days of the Golden
Fleece and the Rape of Helen the
two channels between the Mediter-
ranean and Black Seas have been
the cause of wars, intrigue, and
bloodshed enormous. Peace in-
deed did brood over these waters
between the time of Constantine
and the heyday of Turkish power,
but with the decadence of Turkey
and the growth of Russia the
question of the Straits became
acute once more and kept on
growing more and more serious
until the Great War.

Mr. Graves begins by taking us
back to the far off days of the
Hittites, first users of iron, the
Trojans, the early Achaeans, and
the first Greeks, and shows how
the Straits influenced early Euro-
pean history, and therefore con-
sequent civilisation, for fourteen
centuries before Rome took over
command. Then comes the Otto-
man threat, and we see what stiff
obstacles the Dardanelles and
Bosphorus were to land lubbers
like the Seljuk Turks. Follows a
chapter on the grandeur and de-
cline of the Turks after which we
have interesting glimpses of the
schemes of Peter, Catherine, Mah-
mud, Nicholas, Beaconsfield, the
Kaiser and others. In the
Epilogue we are given the text of
the latest treaties and a rather
gloomy forecast regarding the
future of what has been the most
troublesome strip of water in the
world.

This book is excellently written
by one who has been there and
has read widely before putting
pen to paper, and would be greatly
improved were it provided by
two good maps—one to illustrate
the first chapter and another at
the end to replace the poor one
at present found there.

FOR SLEEPERS.

["Sleep," by Donald A. Laird,
Ph.D., Sc.D., and Charles G.
Muller; Williams and Norgate,
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Though in the preface the au-
thors declare that their aim has
not been to produce a highly tech-
nical book, but "to present to
sleepers everywhere interesting,
practical, and valid information
about that third of their life
which is spent in unconscious-
ness" that information is scientific
inasmuch as it is based on a long
series of strictly conducted experi-
ments at the Colgate University
of New York.

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sonality actually tires others—the
egotist, the enthusiast, the too
well-meaning, and the helpless—
and we conclude with the writers
that "there is considerable con-
solation in being just an ordinary
person."

The chapter on emotional
fatigue is particularly interesting,
and so are those on the influence

D'ANNUNZIO'S WORKS.

Vatican Protest Against Cheap
Edition.

The announcement that a com-
mittee has been formed to bring
out a complete and cheap edition
of D'Annunzio's works, which, as
is well known, are on the Vatican's
index of prohibited books, has called
forth a protest in the Osserva-
tore Romano.

The existing national, and ex-
pensive, edition of the poet's works
writes the Osservatore Romano,
was already an "offence" to the
principles of Catholic teaching.
This new edition, on the other
hand, will bring these works
which are "corrosive" of Catholic
moral teaching, within reach also
of the humbler classes. The
article pays an eloquent tribute to
the "genius" of the poet, but
argues that a person "endowed
with such exceptional mental
qualities" should feel greater
responsibility in their employment.
The note concludes with a re-
ference to the telegram of thanks
addressed by the poet, "the reason
for which seems obscure," to
Signor Mussolini, in which
D'Annunzio refers to the present
time as beginning "his fourth
period of youth as a writer." The
Osservatore Romano drily remarks
that "just as youth does not return
in the life of man, so it does not
re-blossom in his works. Youth
either never departs from them or
else never restores their first
springtime."

of weather and surroundings on
the nervous system.

Part 3 is an analysis of what
actually happens to mind and body
during sleep, and the book ends
with some admirable practical ad-
vice on how to get the most out
of sleep.

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siderable value to teachers and
employers, though it is so univer-
sal in its applicability and so plea-
sant in its freedom from techni-
cality and exaggeration that the or-
dinary reader will find in it both
amusement and profit, especially
perhaps in the East where the
climate and surroundings make it
so difficult for many Europeans to
find refreshing sleep.

BOYS CAN BE MEN TOO!

"They've All Got The Wind Up
About Me."

How two Boy Scouts helped and
cheered their grown-up fellow
patients in the ward of one of
London's largest hospitals was told
in a letter received by Lord Baden-
Powell from one of the patients.

One of the Scouts by innumera-
ble good turns throughout the day
and by his thoughtfulness for those
in bed won great esteem throughout
the ward.
The other Scout, a London boy,
fought hard against increasing
weakness after a serious operation.
As the Scout grew steadily worse,
his father was allowed to visit him
at any hour.

A few days after when the Scout
had become critically ill he made a
brave attempt to cheer his
harassed father. "Don't worry,
dad!" he smiled. "They've all
got the wind up about me; but I
shan't die."

The next morning when the
Scout was obviously worse, he told
his father, "I'll win through yet."
The Scout's father remained by
his son's bedside all that night, and
just after he had left, the Scout
passed away.

"The impressions the boys have
left of service and courage," writes
Lord Baden-Powell's correspondent,
"remain as examples to men."

NOTHING VENTURE—SCOUTS
SECURE H.Q.

Mr. H. Garlick, Boy Scout Com-
missioner for the Chiswick district
of Middlesex, inquired of the Coun-
cil if they had any available land
upon which Boy Scout Headquar-
ters could be erected.

As a result, the Highways Com-
mittee of the Council recommended
that premises, vacated by the
Animals Dispensary in William
Street be leased to the Boy Scouts
at the nominal rent of one shilling
a year.

SCOUTS' OPEN CONFERENCE,
1931.

The Boy Scouts Association's
Open Conference this year will be
held at Brighton from April 10 to
12.

The last Open Conference of the
Association was at Birmingham
last Spring. It was attended by
1,100 Boy Scout workers and was
the best attended Conference of the
Movement since its inception in
1908.

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

BORN OF THE JAMBOREE.

Ninety-four Boy Scouts and 61
Wolf Cubs (Junior Boy Scouts)
connected with the staff of the Bri-
tish Insulated Cables, Ltd., of
Prescot, are the direct result of the
Coming of Age Scout Jamboree at
Birkenhead last year.

An official of the Company, inter-
ested in boys' welfare, made a point
of attending the Birkenhead Jam-
boree in, as he confessed to Lord
Baden-Powell, "a very sceptical
frame of mind."

The impression of that vast
gathering with its 50,000 Scouts
drawn from 42 nations of the world
was such, however, that the official
of the Company returned to Prescot
and a Troop of Scouts was started
amongst the Company's employees,
the Cub Pack being formed later for
the sons of the firm's employees.

In a letter to Lord Baden-Powell
the Company's official in question
reports:—

"We are glad to be able to say
that we are definitely noticing an
improvement in the behaviour of
the boys in and around the Works."

WHEN "P-P" PLAYED
MOURNING POLO.

"Scouting is a game," says Lord
Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout,
"but sometimes I wonder if we do
not appear to be making of it too
serious a game. When you come to
look on it as something formidable,
then you miss the whole spirit and
the whole joy of it; your boys catch
the depression from you, and
Scouting, having lost its spirit is
no longer a game for them."

"It becomes like the game of polo
which was suggested to me by a
General under whom I served. A
melancholy occasion had arisen
when the Troops in the garrison
were ordered to go into mourning.
This happened on the very day
that an important polo match was
to be played. So I was sent as a
deputation to the General to ask
whether the match would have to
be cancelled. The General, with a
twinkle in his eye, replied: 'I think
if you played very slowly and used
a black ball it might meet the oc-
casion!'"

READY TO "BE PREPARED."

The Silver Cross of the Boy
Scouts Association, the second
highest award for bravery, and
that with considerable risk, has
been awarded by Lord Baden-
Powell, the Chief Scout to Scout
J. V. Gautier of Bridlington.

The award was made to Scout
Gautier, a member of the Trinity
Congregational Church Troop,
Bridlington, for rescuing four boys
who had been thrown into the
water from a boat in Bridlington
Harbour.

Scout Gautier, who is 13 years
old, learned to swim when he was
7 and has applied himself very
specially to the art since the age
of 10, thus equipping himself to
carry out the Scout motto, "Be
Prepared."

50,000 SCOUTS HELP COMMON
WEALTH.

The Chairman of the Australian
Federal Council of Boy Scouts As-
sociation (Councillor H. D. Luxton,
the Lord Mayor) issued a request
by telegram to the head of the
Movement in each State that the
whole of the resources of the Boy
Scouts be placed at the disposal of
the authorities handling the Com-
monwealth loan.

As there are more than 50,000
Boy Scouts in Australia, it is ex-
pected that their assistance will be
of material value.

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief
Scout, and Lady Baden-Powell, the
Chief Guide, have left home for
their overseas tour to New Zealand
Australia and South Africa.

They embarked on the Rangitara
at Southampton and were accom-
panied by Lieut.-Col. E. P. Le
Breton, Scout Commissioner for
West Dorset.

The Chief Scout and his party
were due to arrive at Auckland
New Zealand on February 18. From
New Zealand they travel to Aus-
tralia, being due to arrive on March
16, subsequently visiting South
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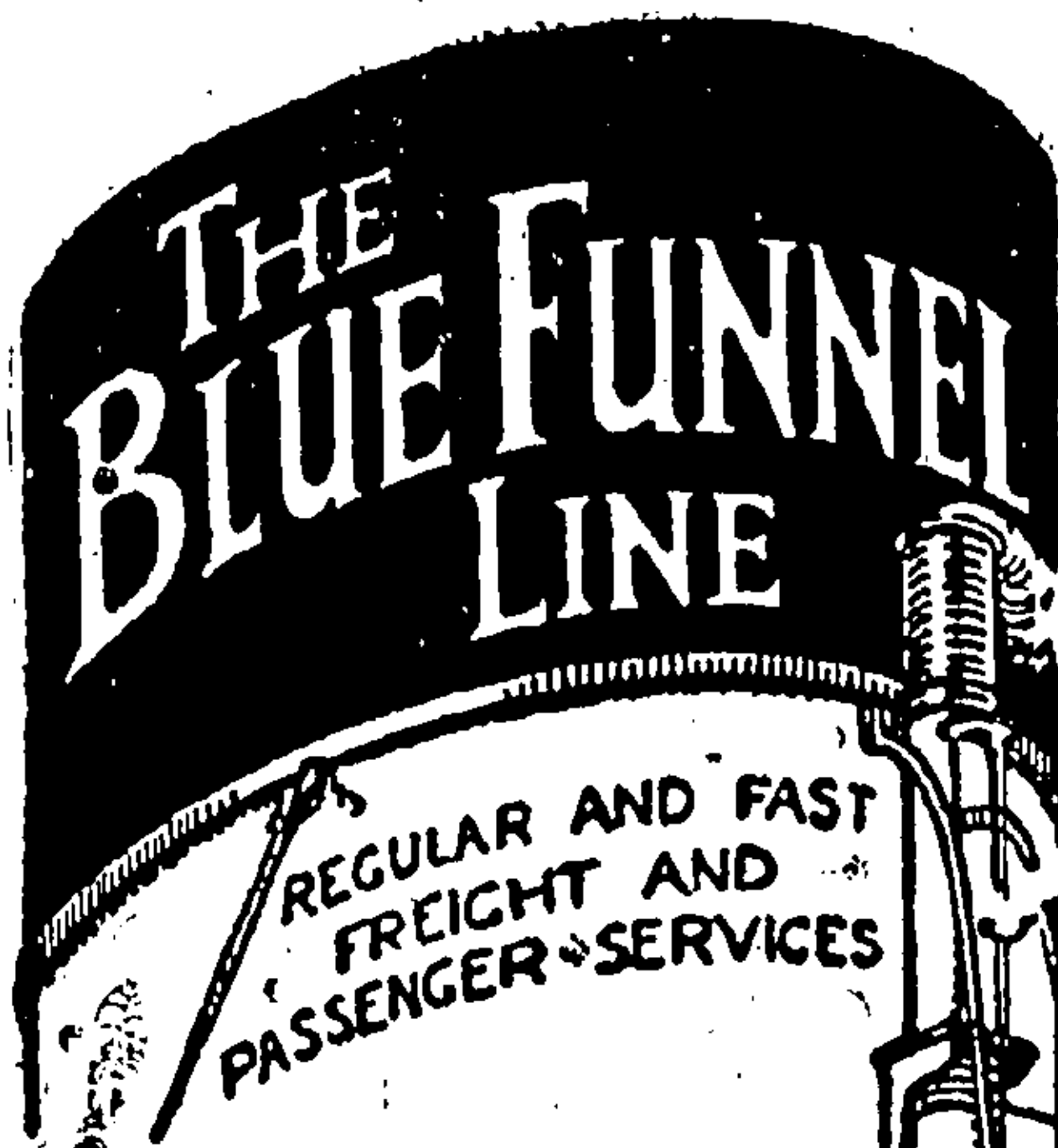
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REMARKABLE VARIETY.

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One of the romances of modern aviation is the growth which is now taking place in the aerial transport of urgent merchandise.

Often, at the present time, and in a single day, more than 20 tons of freight are passing either inward or outward through London's aerial terminus at Croydon.

During a recent period of nine months' nearly 700 tons of urgent mails and merchandise were air-borne to and from along the European and Indian lines of Imperial Airways. That such loads are greatly on the increase may be gathered from the fact that, during 1928, the total figure was not more than about 500 tons.

Remarkable, now, is the variety of air-borne merchandise. Often a stranded motorist on the continent will cable for some spare part for his car. Across this goes to him at once in the next air express. Fragile articles in growing numbers are dispatched by aeroplane, not only on account of the speed but also for the reason that air-borne goods receive such care in handling and transport. An important point, when considering the airway as a means of transit for urgent loads, is that insurance is cheaper by air than by any other transport, owing to the absence of pilfering and the greatly reduced risks of breakage.

Nearly 2,000,000 wireless valves have now been air-borne in the machines of Imperial Airways between London and the continent. So, also, have approximately £30,000 worth of loud-speakers. When valuable pictures have to be sent to and fro between London and the continent, it has now become the rule to consign them via the airway. It is increasingly the habit, also, on account of the special handling it receives, to send delicate electrical apparatus by air.

Perishable Goods.
Perishable goods find their way

constantly into aerial cargoes, the saving of time in aeroplane transport representing not merely hours but days. Not long ago, owing to the fact that Brussels sprouts are not normally available in Egypt in winter, some of the big hotels in Alexandria and Cairo conceived the idea of having a consignment sent out specially by the Indian mail-plane to give an extra attraction to the Christmas fare; so, also, on another occasion, were a number of lobsters.

The existence of the Imperial Airways route enables vital time-saving to be effected in sending samples of the Egyptian cotton crop to London.

Nearly all the bullion dispatched from London to the continent is now air-borne—a convincing tribute not only to the speed, but

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also to the security of aerial transport. Often, too, as a contrast from this, a consignment of day-old chicks will be placed on an early-morning plane, and in not more than a day's flying will reach some destination far-distant across the Continent.

A Lion's Den.
Strange loads are sometimes air-borne. Not long ago an Imperial Airways cargo machine had its interior transformed, temporarily, into a lion's den. In this improvised cage a fully-grown lion, accompanied by its trainer, flew

from Paris to London to take part in a circus. On another occasion a big Handley Page-Napier cargo-plane had its hull fitted up as a horse-box, in order to transport a valuable animal on an urgent aerial journey from abroad.

Occasionally a tank of those strange creatures, "sea-horses," will come through from the South of France, consigned to the London Zoo.

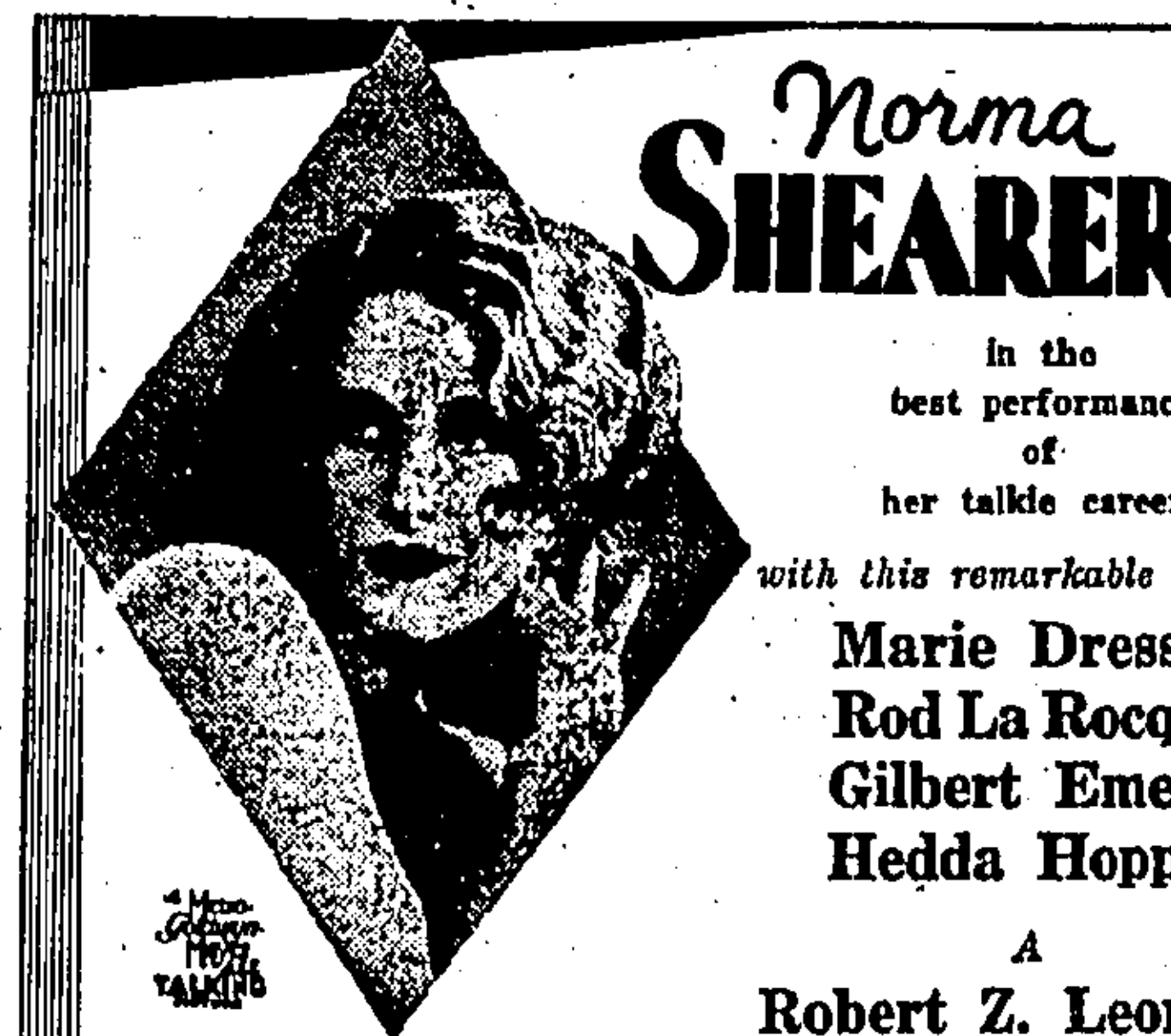
Merchandise dispatched by air from Croydon at mid-day is delivered in Paris the same evening. It is also possible in a single day to effect the aerial transport and delivery of packages to such important destinations as Brussels, Cologne, and Berlin. On the Imperial Airways England-India route a consignment of goods will reach Egypt from London in four days, and will be in India in not more than seven days, while along the new African route, when it is in full operation, air-loads will reach Cape Town in eleven days, as compared with 17 days by surface transport. One of the aims, in building up the air-freight of Imperial Airways, has been to quicken every aspect of the ground organisation. Exporters, familiar with transport through large docks are prone to think of Customs' clearance as a business of anything from 24 to 48 hours, except in cases where special rates are paid. In aerial transport the average aerodrome Customs' time is not more than from two to five hours.

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